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PREFACE

Dear delegates, colleagues and friends

1975 – 2015: the best 40 years of stability!

Welcome to Glasgow, the cradle of modern Naval Architecture and shipbuilding, the place where all came together to shine for over a century and shape our profession. Now the sound of bells and horns and clutter is all but gone but the spirit leaves on, if not in the few surviving yards in the Clyde, certainly in the classrooms at the Department of Naval Architecture, Ocean and Marine Engineering (NAOME) at the University of Strathclyde where such legacy still moulds, inspires and guides the young minds that flock the classrooms every year from around the world.

With artefacts on human endeavours at sea dated as far back as 6500 B.C., it is mind boggling to think that it was not until 250 B.C. when the first recorded steps to establish the foundation of Naval Architecture, floatability and stability, were made by Archimedes. It is even more astonishing that practical pertinence and function of these two very basic principles remained dormant for nearly two millennia after this (probably lack of recorded history), before the first attempts to convey the meaning of stability to men of practice took place in the 18th century by Hoste and Bouguer. Regulations, especially addressing accidents that involve water ingress and flooding, were introduced even much later. Notably, the first specific criterion on residual static stability standards was introduced at the 1960 SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) Convention. This “tortoise” pace of developments gave way to the steepest learning curve in the history of Naval Architecture with the introduction of the probabilistic damage stability rules in SOLAS 1974 as an alternative to the deterministic requirements. Prompting and motivating the adoption of a more rational approach to stability and survivability, this necessitated the development of appropriate methods, tools and techniques capable of meaningfully addressing the physical phenomena involved. The UK Department of Transport sought help from NAOME in understanding the underlying concepts. This was the start of a close collaboration between UK Government and NAOME that is going strong to this day. With funding from the UK Government and industry NAOME established a strong international group on the stability of ships and ocean vehicles that served as one of the incubators for the development of the modern subject of ship stability. This, in turn, attracted similarly-minded scholars and industry leaders from around the globe to lay the foundations for international collaboration on the subject and to STAB 1975 – the first Conference on the Stability of Ships and Ocean Vehicles. Within 40 years, this new impetus has climaxed to the “zero tolerance” concept of Safe Return to Port for damaged passenger ships and to the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria, all goal-based, all performance-inspired, using first-principles tools with strong scientific foundation to guide the way forward.

What is most impressive is that irrespective of these astonishing developments and despite unrelenting effort institutionally, country-wide and world scale the field remains relevant and of high focus, combining deep scientific basis with practical and ethical concerns stemming from a continually changing industry and society. Stability represents a prime driver for naval architects whilst the form and consequences of intact and damage stability regulations remain at the forefront of interest at IMO. Many ship stability problems remain “unsolved” as manifested by unacceptable loss in human lives in accidents that continue to happen too frequently for comfort. With rising societal regard for human life and the environment and with technology driving innovation in complex and safety-critical ship concepts, such as the giants of the cruise ships being built today, the subject will remain a central focus for as long as there is human activity at sea. Some of the younger members of our small fraternity will have the opportunity to reflect on this, 40 years on!

Organising a large Conference as most of you will know is not a mean task. But, we have been blessed with a superb Local Organising Committee whose help, advice and support made all the difference. We would like to express our gratitude to Dr Evangelos Boulougouris, Caroline McLellan and Lin Lin who have given their all to the Conference with admirable dedication, inspiration and zest. A vote of thanks goes to all our colleagues at NAOME and all the students who offered enthusiastically and unreservedly their support in all the vast array of preparatory work leading to the Conference.

We are indebted, of course, to the international Standing Committee for entrusting this prestigious Conference to the University of Strathclyde and NAOME, especially so to the current Chair, Professor Alberto Francescutto. The help, advice and support received by everyone are gratefully acknowledged.

This is also a good opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to all the delegates of the STAB 2015 Conference, the keynote speakers, the authors, reviewers and presenters. Special thanks goes to the University of Strathclyde and NAOME for their support and to the City Council and Tourist Board of Glasgow for being so forthcoming and helpful. Last, but not least, the STAB 2015 sponsors: Lloyds Register of Shipping, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, DNVGL, ONR Global, Class NK, Keppel Offshore and Marine and Sea Transport Solutions. Their support is gratefully appreciated.

The past forty years have been challenging but rewarding and enjoyable. We have attended the STAB Conferences and Workshops in many parts of the world and were impressed by the enthusiasm for the subject by the participants, old and new, and the great effort expended by the organisers to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment. The most treasured experience of all has been the opportunity to meet similarly-minded people and to develop long-lasting friendships. We hope you will find STAB 2015 would offer the same environment to you.

We do not expect to be attending STAB 2055 but stability is now in our blood and we will continue to give our support to the subject and share our experience with our younger colleagues. We know the subject is in good hands and we wish everyone success.

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Safety & Stability through Innovation in Cruise Ship Design

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ABSTRACT

The guests see one aspect of the operations, which may be the size of the vessel, the features of a restaurant, comfortable staterooms or the amazing architecture of the vessel. But what they do not necessarily see is everything behind this, making it work. Still, it is always there. It is about culture, it is about focus, it is about continuous improvement and it is about working together with the best minds; above all, it is about competence and knowledge – people!

Elevating the expectations, setting the goals and being true to them – every newbuilding project at Royal Caribbean Cruises starts by setting goals towards improving the guest experience. The same process that has created innovative vessels on the guest side has also been applied to the technical side. The result is the most technologically advanced cruise vessels in the world today with the highest levels of stability and safety, a strong focus on the environment and continual energy efficiency improvements.

Keywords: *cruise ship design, safety and innovation, safety culture, life-cycle stability and safety*

1. INTRODUCTION¹

The organisation of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd is built around a fleet of 44 cruise vessels, operated by 7 strong brands. The combined capacity of the existing fleet is about 102,000 berths. In addition to that, 8 vessels are on order, boosting the capacity further by 10 per cent during the next few years. The itineraries include more than 480 destinations worldwide. A fleet of innovative and trendsetting vessels is turned into a winning concept by over 60,000 dedicated employees involved in all kinds of different tasks both ashore and onboard – from the chairman, to the naval architects designing the vessels, to the

cabin stewards ensuring that the guests get a good night's sleep in a tidy stateroom.

2. DESIGN TRENDS

Economies of scale have driven the development towards larger and larger cruise vessels. A large vessel opens up new possibilities. When Project Genesis was initiated, eventually resulting in the Oasis class, the design team looked at the advantages of many different sizes, from 150,000 to 250,000 GT. They decided to go for a record-breaking 220,000 GT design. The size was not a means in itself; they just needed an outstanding product, taking the guests' vacation experience to the next level. A large vessel offers more real estate and extended width, allowing new architectural possibilities. It became possible to open up the ship even more and create a substantially wider promenade, which again was regarded as a giant leap.

Compiled by Par-Henrik Sjoström based on discussions with the author and additional interviews with Kevin Douglas, Janne Lietzen, Mika Heiskanen, Clayton Van Welter, and Thomas McKenney



A driving thought throughout the development of Genesis was the concept of neighborhoods – to offer distinct and separate areas for people with different lifestyles, needs and priorities. Step by step over two years of systematic development work the Genesis solution grew up and the contract was signed in February 2006. Now the "MkII"-version of the successful Oasis-class is being built, with delivery of the Harmony of the Seas scheduled for 2016. At about the same time the third vessel of the Quantum-class, Ovation of the Seas, will be handed over. Although somewhat smaller than the Oasis-class, the Quantum-class is said to be the most technologically advanced cruise vessel design in the world. By taking all of the latest collective knowledge and experience across the company and industry, Royal Caribbean has further developed holistic safety and stability elements. For example, the size of Oasis class provided the opportunity to improve the design from the safety perspective as well.

The development towards improved safety on cruise vessels has been driven by the industry. In many cases new, innovative vessel designs have been challenging the existing regulations. As old rules are often not applicable to new designs, the ship designers push the envelope, challenging existing "truths". The result is that new technology is utilized in a much larger extension than before in all areas, including safety. It is no exaggeration to state that the cruise vessel design of today provides a better and safer platform for the operators. Beyond safety, the cruise vessel of today is also more environmentally friendly and fuel efficient. These improvements have been – and continue to be – possible due to hundreds of ongoing initiatives that target not only meeting current rules and regulations, but going above and beyond them.

However, Royal Caribbean and the cruise industry have come a long, and occasionally rocky, way before reaching the status as a major player in the multi-billion dollar vacation

market. The first purpose-built cruise vessel, designed for leisure cruises in warm waters, was developed in the late 1960s. It originated from a Norwegian project for the expanding Caribbean cruise market. It also materialized the dream of Edwin W Stephan, a multi-talented American visionary, who first came up with the idea of a cruise line operating a fleet of high-class, purpose-built new buildings instead of old ocean liners, which were common in those days.

In 1968 Edwin W Stephan travelled to Oslo to meet with Norwegian owners. He presented his idea and got the support of I M Skaugen and Anders Wilhelmsen. Together with a third partner, Gotaas-Larsen, they established Royal Caribbean Cruise Line A/S in 1969, and the rest is history. Edwin W Stephan was the cruise line's president from 1969 to 1996, when he became vice chairman of the board of directors. At various times he had served as general manager, CEO, president and vice chairman.

Edwin W Stephan had a vision and was extremely focused on materializing it. This pioneering spirit has been present in the company ever since. It began with a total of three sister vessels being ordered from Wärtsilä Helsinki shipyard. It is said that it was a bargain for the owner, as the shipyard was desperately searching for a way to enter the cruise market.

These references could not have been better ones. The vessels to be named Song of Norway, Nordic Prince and Sun Viking are still today regarded as exceptionally innovative in their technical design and layout. Introducing many interesting features, the Song of Norway drew much attention. The vessel had a large pool deck and was the first ship in the world designed specifically for warm-weather cruising. It is not an understatement to say that she revolutionized the cruise industry, as previous ships were usually built with far less open space on deck.



Edwin W Stephan's vision also included what was to become a distinctive feature on Royal Caribbean's ships – the glass-walled cocktail lounge cantilevered from the funnel. Had he not been quite headstrong this might not have been the case today. When he first told the naval architects he wanted something like the Space Needle in Seattle, they were skeptical. A rival cruise line even predicted such a construction would shake right off the funnel.

The 18,000 GT Song of Norway made her maiden voyage from Miami on November 7, 1970 and became an instant success. She also made most of the existing cruise fleet feel old fashioned overnight. The Song of Norway was a purpose-built cruise ship, while the bulk of the cruise fleet was formed by former ocean liners, built in the 1950s, made obsolete on their original routes by the booming transcontinental air traffic.

The development since Song of Norway has been amazing. The Song of Norway class was followed by the twice as big Song of America in 1982. Just five years later the 73,192 GT Sovereign of the Seas entered service. Under Richard Fain's leadership and vision, who became the cruise line's Chairman and CEO in 1988, the culture of innovation and transformational ship design continued. Royal Caribbean has taken a place in the forefront of cruise ship development, introducing a row of trendsetting vessels, each generation with new features, of which many have been adapted by the whole industry.

Perhaps the most transformational and influential ship in the entire cruise industry is the 137,276 GT Post-Panamax cruise vessel Voyager of the Seas, originally known as Project Eagle. Delivered in 1999 by Kvaerner Masa-Yards in Turku, Finland (which after several changes of ownerships is now working under the name Meyer Turku), Voyager of the Seas became the lead vessel of the Voyager class, totalling five ships.

In 1995 Project Eagle took a new course when Harri Kulovaara joined Royal Caribbean. His experience from innovative ship design work in the ferry company Silja Line influenced the project in a positive manner, which in that stage more resembled a much larger version of the Sovereign class than something really ground breaking.

A unique feature was the huge horizontal atrium Royal Promenade, which was for the first time introduced on a cruise vessel. The "prototype" for the Royal Promenade can still be seen onboard Silja Line's cruise ferries Silja Serenade and Silja Symphony, built in 1990 and 1991.

The Voyager class marked a real turning point for Royal Caribbean, placing the company in a league of its own with respect to creativity and new innovations.

One such innovation was introducing the first ice rink at sea, another entertainment medium that further solidified Royal Caribbean's place at the forefront of cruise entertainment. Its integration into the ship design, placed amidships on the neutral axis with minimum motions, further emphasized the focus on safety, not just for guests, but also for the crew.

Voyager of the Seas was regarded as a unique cruise vessel that mixed elements from the US cruise industry and Scandinavian ferry technology. But there was more to come. Probably the most amazing floating structure built so far is the Oasis class, a record-breaker in almost every aspect. Project Genesis was the largest commercial shipbuilding design effort ever undertaken, breaking totally new ground. The vessels were built with a larger Royal Promenade than the Voyager class and the updated Freedom class. The width of the vessel enables two parallel superstructures between which is a park with over 12,000 living plants and trees, Central Park, and the Boardwalk, inspired by Atlantic City.



The latest class of Royal Caribbean ships, the Quantum class, is not only a technological masterpiece; it once more introduces new experiences for the guests. A unique feature is North Star, an observation capsule, which is telescopically lifted to a height of 90 metres. Even the inside cabins have a view as they are fitted with an 82 inch video wall, serving as a virtual balcony with real-time images of the sea, offering the same view as the outside cabins.

After the turn of the millennium the trend towards a lower average age of cruise passengers has accelerated. A new market is formed by families travelling with children. The latest generations of cruise vessels are designed to fit the expectations of a much more heterogeneous market than 45 years ago when the Song of Norway-class was delivered. Now there are cruise passengers of all ages and with many different social backgrounds.

Today Royal Caribbean Cruises is the second largest cruise company in the world. The cruise industry has evolved from a niche to a major player in the vacation market. As it all started in the Caribbean, this area has maintained its position as the most important cruise market in the world. However, the Caribbean has become a mature market. The growth has moved to Europe and during the last years there are huge growth expectations for the Far East with China as the driving force.

Key features for the cruise industry of today are very high guest satisfaction and great value for money. As a product on the vacation market a cruise is superior. Innovation has been driving the experience and service level far above what you can expect ashore. The convenience of a cruise is outstanding: a high-standard floating hotel, providing excellent service and entertainment, moves along with the guest and offers interesting new destinations almost every day along the cruise.

The cruise industry is about a never-ending quest to provide the best vacation to the guests.

It is driven by consumer demands while economies of scale provide cost advantages and opportunities. Royal Caribbean has been in the business since the beginning of the modern era of the cruise industry. The lesson learnt during the past decades is that there is no shortcut to success. There is no silver bullet; it is all about culture and process. The success is built upon an innovative mind-set and the cornerstones for Royal Caribbean's activities are guest experience, environment, energy efficiency, and most importantly safety.

Everyone is asking: 'what is the one thing going on?' The answer is that there are several hundreds of initiatives going on. It is not just one thing, it is a mass of things, it is a way of thinking, a process.

3. SAFETY IS THE CORE

In the same way Royal Caribbean is pushing the cruise vessel architecture to its limit the company is driving the technical design, always with highest priority on the extremely important sectors of safety and environment. The foundation of the cruise industry is to ensure the safety of the guests in all conditions, including possible emergency situations.

Safety is indeed the core of all activities within the company. The guests shall feel the safety culture onboard and feel that they are well taken care of – even if something exceptional would occur. Knowing this, everything is set for an enjoyable and relaxing holiday onboard.

In general, safety is no doubt the most important issue at sea, no matter what kind of vessel we are talking about. On a cruise vessel, with several thousand passengers and crew onboard, it is absolutely crucial. The policy of Royal Caribbean has, for decades, been a proactive one – to take safety to a limit far above and beyond compliance. The vessel should remain floating as a priority and new



technology and design tools have contributed to great progress, driving better and safer rules for damage stability. Ultimately it is about just that. If the design cannot withstand extensive damage, the game is over when an accident occurs – as was the case with the Titanic in 1912.

Safety is a complex and vast field, containing much more than built-in damage stability requirements. Redundancy, for example, is essential in the modern way of thinking, where the ship should be the safe haven even if a serious accident should occur.

Royal Caribbean has pioneered redundancy. In 1995 the so called half ship concept was implemented with the Vision class, based upon separate engine rooms mainly for fire division. In practice this means, that in case of an engine room fire the vessel would still have capacity left to generate enough power not only for propulsion, but also for all the vital functions in the hotel part of the ship.

In 1999 double hulls in engine rooms and two totally independent engine rooms were introduced in the Voyager class to reduce the risks of flooding of these vital spaces if the hull would be penetrated by grounding or collision. Since 2007 Royal Caribbean has built its ships by the principles of Safe Return to Port along with enhanced guest comfort requirements. In 2013, additional divisions were included between engine rooms to improve damage stability in addition to building them within the double hull. Extensive 3D-topographic simulations have been completed to verify configurations, along with consequence studies and safe return to port simulations.

Royal Caribbean has been pioneering many other sectors for enhanced safety and security as well. In an early stage the company took a robust approach towards the adoption of paperless navigation, including an internal approval process above and beyond that of regulation. An enhanced bridge layout, focusing on human-centred design, was

introduced with the Voyager class. The utilization of electronic mustering systems was taken to the next level in the Oasis class, leveraging this technology to further enhance evacuation and accountability.

An essential part of safety is also good manoeuvrability. Manoeuvring calculations, simulations and model tests have been incorporated both onboard and in shore-based training. The result is that every new generation of vessels has presented improved manoeuvrability, regardless of size. There are also innovative utilization practices for dynamic positioning systems within operation.

Project Eagle, resulting in the Voyager class, is a good example of ground breaking thinking regarding safety. The dramatic increase in size was driven by experience, also leading to giant leaps in safety. The alternative design principle was extensively used for the development of the horizontal atrium, the Royal Promenade. Such a large space as the Royal Promenade presented a real challenge for fire safety, not only for the designers, but also for the shipyard and the classification society.

In the Voyager-class, double engine rooms and advanced safety simulations were also adapted. The advanced integrated navigation systems, originally developed for demanding navigation of large cruise ferries in narrow archipelago fairways, soon found their way to Royal Caribbean's cruise vessels. Equipment and ergonomics of the bridge on Voyager of the Seas was state-of-the-art, and probably the most advanced on a cruise vessel at the time.

The Oasis of the Seas was the first ship designed with a known safety level, based upon the Risk-Based Design methodology. For crisis management an Onboard Decision Support System was adopted.

Technology made it possible to take such huge leaps in ship design without compromising safety. It had become possible



to simulate virtually everything on a cruise vessel during the very early phases of design: strength, stability, logistics, passenger flows, evacuation routes, damage stability, obstructed views in the theatre, manoeuvring in port, etc. It was now also possible to visualize the interiors of the vessel during the early stages. Simulation technology made it possible to design vessels that are progressive in all areas regarding customer satisfaction, operational advantages, energy efficiency and overall safety.

A main goal during the project was to design a vessel with improved levels of safety. The latest technology was utilized in all areas. The large number of passengers provided an opportunity to improve new evacuation routines and routes, including on-line registering of passengers at assembly stations.

Computational fluid dynamics calculations were used for optimizing the hull and its details. This process improved detail design and eventually created substantial energy savings. The machinery solution was adapted from Voyager and Freedom with two totally independent engine rooms and doubled systems.

The Solstice and Oasis class did in advance fulfil the principles of the coming regulations for “safe return to port”. In addition, the design of both classes helped shape the Safe Return to Port regulations by being used as examples during detailed analyses. Based upon a Casualty Threshold concept, where this defines the amount of damage the vessel is able to sustain and still safely return to port, a large 3D-computer model was created, including all channels, valves, cables and components. Numerous simulations took place, testing what would happen if a section was lost, analysing optimal routing for cables, etc. Part of the tools and the technology was developed exclusively for the Oasis-class and used for the first time to a greater extent.

Mainly due to the increased size of Oasis, there was a requirement to develop novel concepts in multiple areas including life-saving. Without compromising the design and safety of the vessel, several innovative designs were developed including optimized evacuation of the 8,500 passengers and crew, the largest lifeboats installed on a ship so far with a capacity of 370 persons each, and a large Marine Evacuation System (MES) for 450 persons each, designed for boarding through chutes.

Due to the configuration and novel design an alternative design process was extensively applied, including extensive fire simulations as per SOLAS Alternative Design and Arrangements. Alternative means of fire division was carried through in the form of roller shutters, enabling longitudinal and transversal fire breaks.

Royal Caribbean also pioneered a feature called the Safety Command Centre on the Solstice and Oasis class. Since the 1990s Royal Caribbean vessels were equipped with a safety desk on the bridge, evolving into the separate space on Celebrity Solstice in 2008 and Oasis of the Seas in 2009.

If a serious accident occurred the Safety Command Centre is manned, acting as a centre for resource allocation. Command, communication, evacuation and incident management all have dedicated resources that are specialized. The true power of the space is the potential to leverage the allocated resources through design and technology. Committing to a larger footprint allows objective-oriented teams to focus on their work stream. The team leader supports the command more effectively due to optimal span of control, thereby having a more ideal number of responsibilities and resources to manage.

This concept was further developed on the Quantum-class by dividing the Safety Command Centre into three pods. On the port side is the Evacuation & Command Pod, on the



starboard side the Incident Pod and amidships the Command Pod.

4. SAFETY LIFECYCLE

The philosophy of Royal Caribbean is that safety is not only about how a newbuilding is designed but also concerning virtually everything that takes place over the life cycle of the vessel. One important issue is how to train the ship operators and how to set the standards for the operations. The operators have to know exactly which tools are provided to monitor the stability in operations and also how to understand them. They have to understand a possible damage situation in a very complex manner, using the technological tools provided.

Training is essential in the safety lifecycle. The operational standards and levels of training are enhanced to fit for purpose and rigorous technology qualification. The company has a safety culture program that stresses the necessity of efficient emergency response procedures and training.

Royal Caribbean talks about the safety lifecycle of a ship, containing four phases: Ship Design (Design and NB phase), Strategic Stability Management (operational life cycle), Operational Stability Management (per voyage) and Emergency Stability Management (emergency situations).

The design of the ship is setting the bar. Over the life cycle of the ship several modifications are done. They can either impact the construction negatively or positively. With deeper knowledge of the vessel it is possible during a refit to enhance the stability by applying new types of watertight doors, adding ducktails, removing weight up high or splitting tanks. Through this process it is possible to improve the vessel stability, despite the fact that the original design has been modified. If no measures are taken, the ship will gain weight and the stability will be impacted.

Already in the design and newbuilding phase there is greater collaboration between partners such as the Cruise Ship Safety Forum (CSSF), the world's leading shipbuilders and designers, academic institutions, authorities, technology suppliers and the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA).

The CSSF has become a very active unit, where the majority of cruise lines, shipyards and classifications societies are represented. The forum is collectively working on several topics and has been pushing the envelope in a positive manner. Developing thoughts and giving recommendations to cruise lines, shipyards and even to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

In the design phase the regulations are to a great extent providing the basis. But it is of course, as in the case of Royal Caribbean, possible to go above and beyond that.

The stability, and hence the safety of the vessel, does not remain unchanged through the entire operational life cycle. It is therefore important that it is constantly monitored to make sure that the vessel lives up to the initial design aspects and elements. This is called Strategic Stability Management. It starts with stability analytics that utilizes a shore-side stability analytics program for tracking and trending fleet stability parameters.

This process also includes a deadweight management system to better optimize both hull efficiency and stability. The potential exists for more robust policies and procedures, which can result in positive change with minimal cost.

Operational Safety Management is how a vessel is operated during each voyage. It is about how all the technological tools are applied and used to determine the stability and loading conditions. It includes control of water tight doors and deadweight management.



For example watertight door exemptions have been objectively assessed in an effort to strategically reduce opening times and thereby increase vessel survivability. These experiences are encouraging. Going beyond the requirements laid out by Class and authorities on two different ship classes, watertight door opening hours have been reduced from 40 to 80 percent.

Emergency Stability Management aims to prepare the operators for a critical situation. The key is training – it has to be the best training with the best procedures if the ship is damaged.

Royal Caribbean is also a step ahead in this field. For example, SOLAS has mandated fire and life boat drills on a weekly and monthly basis. But SOLAS has not mandated any damage control drills. Royal Caribbean started mandating damage control drills a couple of years ago on a few ships and now they have adapted the practice fleet-wide. Their ships do not only have fire drills and lifeboat drills, but they also have proposed through IMO that damage control drills be completed on a regular basis. For all RCCL brands there is a monthly damage control drill frequency in policy. The two newbuildings of Quantum class have also been delivered with Damage Control Plans updated to incorporate Damage Response.

The life cycle of a cruise vessel is like a journey itself. The trick is to make sure that all the competence and knowledge is transferred in a meaningful manner to the operators via training and tools. When new knowledge and new competence is found, there becomes ways to improve existing ships with relatively small modifications.

An important issue is the impact of Stability Management on Safety. Compliance serves as the clear baseline for safety while the actual ship design sets the bar. Stability management systems and procedures for a vessel in operation can raise, maintain or lower that bar.

Royal Caribbean continues towards enhanced Stability Management. Based upon a holistic approach, linking Strategic, Operational, and Emergency Stability Management, the aim is to ensure better understanding of existing ships as well as the impacts of lightship growth and reduction of stability.

The measures taken should initiate actions to improve both physical changes and operational practices. These measures will increase knowledge and understanding of specific ships, creating possibilities to develop even more efficient training processes and procedures to reduce risk of progressive flooding. An important part of the follow-up process is benchmarking and sharing best practices with the industry through the CSSF and to develop an industry-wide approach.

There are several issues on the agenda: Damage Control Response Plans (along with stability computers), damage consequences, decision identification and simulation support tool, attained index live on bridge based on watertight door status and linking/improving communication between the Engine Control Room and Safety Command Centre. The vision is to provide a further benchmark in the passenger ship and maritime industry, not just for cruise ships.

The CSSF continues working very actively on these improvements and even developed papers and practices for IMO, with recommendations such as damage control drills.

5. PROBABILISTIC DAMAGE STABILITY

When designing the Oasis- and Solstice-class vessels Royal Caribbean made a decision to utilize the probabilistic damage stability requirements ahead of time for safety. At that time the deterministic calculation model was still in use, calculating if the ship survives damage to any two of its compartments.



The probabilistic damage calculation methods were developed more than 10 years ago, supported by an ever increasing level of computing power.

The index required by SOLAS for the Oasis of the Seas is approximately 0.88. This means that Oasis could survive 88 per cent of the defined damage situations deriving from accident statistics without losing the ship. The actual calculated index for Oasis of the Seas, the attained index, is 0.91. When calculated in the project stage, Royal Caribbean was already informed that due to the simulations made they had a reason to believe the actual capability of the ship was much better. The simulations indicated that Oasis of the Seas could actually survive 98 per cent of all damages.

By then it had become clear that the calculation methods, which are demanded by SOLAS are conservative thus giving a very conservative view of the ship safety level. Since then a lot of work and research has been completed by the company and its associates that has verified that the presented calculations for the Oasis of the Seas were correct.

We feel strongly that the cruise ship industry, academia and regulators now urgently need to start focusing on improving the calculation methods to better indicate the true safety levels of a vessel. The rules are simplified and give a very conservative estimate of the situation. For example, longitudinal bulkheads in engine rooms protect better against raking side damage, but do not impact the attained index (meaning you don't get credit for it). This is why designing to a standard above the rules is desired, especially in areas that the rules do not directly address. Royal Caribbean is also working towards improving safety in this field. Simulations are used to enable a much higher standard of safety to the ships, making these simulations exceptionally important.

The use of the simulations allows us to better understand the likely consequences for

the myriad of different damage scenarios. With that knowledge the ship's operating team can be trained and educated so that they are more likely guided to a successful outcome in the event of progressive flooding.

Once more, this reiterates the need to go beyond the current rules while also identifying the conservative nature of the simplifications made in the rule calculations. Simulations are critical for training and understanding. These findings will be shared with the industry and the ship designers so that they collectively, as an industry, can work towards better regulations.

We have always had a gut feeling that the actual safety levels of our cruise ships exceeded the results of the calculated methods. The simplified calculation method does not give credit to the actual built-in safety. The probabilistic regulations have been very important; they have helped us to improve the safety of ships. However, through simulations and model scale work we have found out that they give a conservative look and now we hope that the industry starts really working on putting down research in order to get even better results in this respect to redefine the regulations.

Today there is a wide spread opinion in the industry that it is necessary to further enhance the probabilistic damage stability regulations to more accurately reflect the actual improved safety levels. Having all this information, it is asked if the probabilistic method really does advance safety. There is a great opportunity to advance and improve safety, along with more realistic regulations, by looking for long-term solutions and benchmarking cruise industry practices to all passenger vessels and the maritime industry as a whole. Continuing research on the entire life-cycle and on existing ships as well as further development of advisory, support and training tools is critical for the success of continual improvement in safety and specifically damage stability for all vessels.



6. THE FUTURE AND NEED FOR INNOVATION

The tremendous success behind cruising is the sum of a number of factors, such as high service, innovative ships offering many activities and experiences for the guests, a pristine environment, interesting destinations and cost effective operations.

Effective operations through economies of scale have enabled large scale cruising. In the early days it was a vacation form for the wealthy. Today cruising is available for a large spectrum of consumers in a large number of countries.

Future trends in cruise ship design and operations show a continuing growth in the average ship size as larger vessels replace smaller aging vessels. Still, it is unlikely that the maximum size will increase significantly in the foreseeable future compared to the largest vessels of today. When talking about the super large ships, like the Oasis class, we believe that it will be some time before going beyond that size. The reason for the ultra large size of these vessels is, to a great extent, architectural, they were designed wide enough to really be opened up in the centre.

Future development is to a great extent a question about features, activities, experiences onboard and the ability to deliver unique destinations. The designers will continue to develop novelty in architectural design solutions, such as open spaces, large atriums and indoor-outdoor areas. Every new generation of Royal Caribbean's ships have more new attractions and features. The guests want even more diversification regarding activities, features and options onboard. As a target group on the market, families become more and more important, which has to be taken into consideration even more when designing new ships.

The cruise vessels of today reflect the design trends in the land-based leisure industry.

This is especially true regarding restaurants onboard. Cruise ships are cutting edge on the culinary side today, offering many different choices and specialty restaurants. The trends of dining ashore are also the trends of dining on cruise ships.

Furthermore, there is still a focus on smaller ships, which are being designed to satisfy niche markets and deliver smaller and more remote destinations.

The focus will remain strong on safety. Regarding the environment, it will most likely become even stronger. For example, focus will be on advanced emission purification systems, both regarding water and air, as well as improved efficiencies with focus on alternative fuels.

Again, technology is the enabler in every respect. Technology and computing power is helping to design ships in a totally different manner than has been possible before. It is also enabling them to be operated in a totally different manner than in the past.

The design loop for all of the learnings across guest experience, energy, safety is a continuous cycle for newbuilds and the existing fleet, taking lessons learned from each and applying them to the other. For ships that can't be changed from a design perspective, operational aspects are emphasized to better understand the current state of the vessel. All of the challenges that currently face our current and future fleet are very complex and require a structured and innovative process to make continual advancements and improvements. The end result will hopefully be a buried success for safety, as the types of situations that are being protected against are never desired. It is important that complacency is avoided and that innovation is the driver that keeps us moving forward in the direction of continuous improvement.

7. INNOVATION IS THE DRIVER



Designing and operating a fleet of cruise vessels demands a holistic view from every perspective. Key factors during cruise operations, such as guest experience, impacts on the sensitive marine environment, energy efficiency and safety do not live a life of their own, as they are all tightly connected to each other.

It is of utmost importance to understand that one thing does not rule out another. In modern cruise ship design and operation they support each other, from the launching of a newbuilding project to recycling at the end of the life cycle. Technology has become an integral part of design and ship features. Royal Caribbean Cruises has, during all of its existence, been known to be an innovator in the industry. The company has by designing and building ten generations of innovative cruise ships, become trendsetters. This has been made possible by a specific culture, set of values and capabilities and a way of working with the greatest minds of the industry. There is a constant drive to make innovation part of the culture to make it everyone's responsibility and everyone's desire. Sustainability of innovation comes from culture.

The company has strong in-house leadership that collaborates with the best expertise available to nurture innovative solutions. Without this knowledge and experience it would be impossible to innovate. The cornerstone for the approach towards safety is a rigorous risk assessment process and risk centrality, utilizing state of the art technical and design technology. It is a never-ending loop of continuous improvement and feedback. There is always something that can be done better. Royal Caribbean works with the experts in the damage stability field to build better competence and better tools, improving processes and sharing this knowledge with the shipping industry.

This vast competence is applied in every new and existing ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet, aiming at safer designs and safer

operation of existing ships. Technology and tools have been, and will continue to be, a tremendous player in this work.

The goal of continuous improvement in all areas is a journey, and we as an industry are part of driving the technology and tools that facilitate achieving this goal. A successful journey or outcome can be characterized using the simple formula of adding a restless desire, ambition, technology and tools, and the best competence in the industry.

Safety is not just for Royal Caribbean, but the industry as one unified body. There should be no competition when it comes to safety. Sharing and developing passion with others, as we are doing within the CSSF, remains a primary focus for us. Our presence at this Stability Conference exemplifies our willingness to share this point with all the key players.

8. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We will finish this keynote address by using two quotes:

"There is no such thing as perfect Safety, but there is perfect dedication to continuous improvement and Safety, and Royal Caribbean is fully committed to both of them."

(Richard Fain – Chairman and CEO, RCCL)

"We are constantly working together in order to learn from the operational procedures, how we can apply better thinking, better training and better technical tools into that. We always think about how the use of advanced technology can help the crews to operate the ships more efficiently with less impact on the environment and with the highest possible safety standards."

(Harri Kulovaara – EVP Maritime and Newbuildings, RCCL)

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ABSTRACT

Safety and stability are two key aspects for the successful design of ships while keeping the balance between efficiency and performance of the ship. In the past the main drivers for safety improvements have been catastrophic accidents but a change of mind is needed to enhance safety and stability within the given envelope of design constraints. This can only be achieved when beside comprehensive calculation tools basic design methods will be developed and used in the daily design work. A method to predict the attained subdivision index has been developed and has been shown here as an example for a simplified design method.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The design of complex ships, like cruise ships, is an everlasting quest to find the right balance between the performance of the ship, for cruise ships this is the satisfaction of the guests on board, efficiency of operation and safety and environmental protection. Obviously the compliance with rules and regulations are the basis for each design, but the development of technologies and new design ideas challenging the application of regulations.

2. DESIGN TO SAFETY

Shipbuilding and design of ships has a very long tradition and is mainly built on experience. Main drivers for design changes towards a safer ship have been in the past mainly accidents or near-accidents and experiences of the designers as well as operational feedback. Very popular examples are the capsizing of the VASA, the sinking of TITANIC or the foundering of ESTONIA. In the past such kind of accidents also influenced the rule making process and based on the IMO rules the current state-of-the-art has been defined.

Merchant ships are designed, built and operated to be part of an enterprise to generate profit. This main objective together with the challenge to find the right balance with rules and regulations is usually the motivation not to design to safety but to squeeze the rules and their interpretation to the limits and maximizing the profit for shipbuilder and operator. By maximising the nominal capacity of a ship and designing the ship for the date of delivery only by ignoring the life time of the ship and the operational needs the strategy for design will fail on the long run. A change of mind is needed for the whole industry to maximize the safety within the given envelope in close cooperation with the operator and for the life-time of the ship.

Another important factor for the design process is the available time. Decisions influencing the global safety of a ship, like the watertight subdivision, are defined at an very early stage of design and needs to be kept unchanged until delivery. Hence, the methods you may apply to determine the safety needs to be fast and robust. Complex tools like parametric optimizations may be used from time to time to expand the level of experience but they are un-

suitable for the daily design work. The industrialization of outcome of research projects is very important to take new technologies into use, but it also worth to reconsider experiences and knowledge from the old days.

3. STABILITY RELATED TOPICS FOR DESIGNERS

There are many different topics which may influence the stability or general safety of a ship which needs to be considered during the design. The following figure illustrates a possible accident scenario.

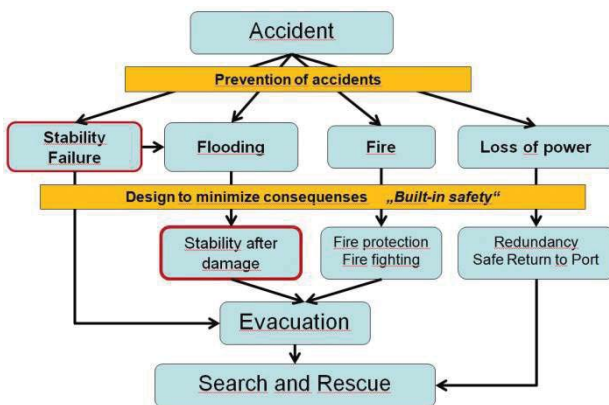


Figure 1 Accident Scenario

Although the best way to improve the safety is the prevention of any accident the focus of most of the designers and researchers is the mitigation of any accident. In particular the extensive discussion about stability after flooding during the recent years, which is still ongoing, is leading somehow in the wrong direction.

In the daily work of ship designs some basic elements like a accurate estimation of light weight and centre of gravity is much more important than a fancy flooding simulation. Proper weight and COG estimations together with the reasonable account for future growth and service based loading conditions form the basis for the hull form and thus the stability behaviour of the ship during its life time. The constant verification of weight and intact stability, including dynamic stability behaviour,

ensures that the ship will meet the requirements from the regulations as well as for the performance.

The detailed investigation for stability after flooding is the second focus during the design. To find the best subdivision is again a huge iterative process to align the different demands of space requirements, operability and survivability after damage. Also other safety rules, like escape routes are challenging parameters in this process.

As explained before this needs to take place within a very short time frame and the following presentation of a method to judge on the damage stability capabilities for different hull forms in an easy way is a good example how modern first-principle tools together with basic knowledge can be combined to form a powerful design tool.

During the development of a new hull form it was recognized, that the normally used hard points for the hull form designer will not reflect all different demands a hull form has to fulfil. Therefore an algorithm has been developed to compare different hull forms under special interest of the demands of the damage stability calculation.

4. DESIGN OF A NEW HULL FORM

During the design process different hull forms are developed to find the best for the given design. Hard points for the hull designer are defined to reflect any constraints, which are the following:

- Geometry
 - Lpp
 - Bmax
 - Design draught
- Hydrostatics
 - Minimum KM on design draught
 - LCB
 - Displacement

A new kind of hard point has been searched for the hull designer that guarantees the same level of the attained index.

4.1 The Stability Energy Index

The fundamental idea was formulated by RAHOLA already in 1923. He invented the stability energy of a vessel which was used for the stability rating of different vessels. Based on these principles the following algorithm was developed.

Contributing Factors

The area under the righting lever arm curve is calculated from the upright to a certain range of heel. This area is been called E_{phi} .

To reflect the influence of the damage stability calculation E_{phi} is only calculated for the design draught of a vessel but for all three draughts relevant for the calculation of the attained subdivision index:

- Light service draught (D_l)
- Deepest subdivision draught (D_s)
- Partial subdivision draught (D_p)

Basic Calculations

A variation of different hull forms with the same KG on the different draughts is calculated according the above mentioned principles. The watertight subdivision for the calculation of the attained index has been the same for all four hull forms.

The below diagram show the resulting attained index in comparison with the computed area under the GZ-curve from upright to 22° of list.

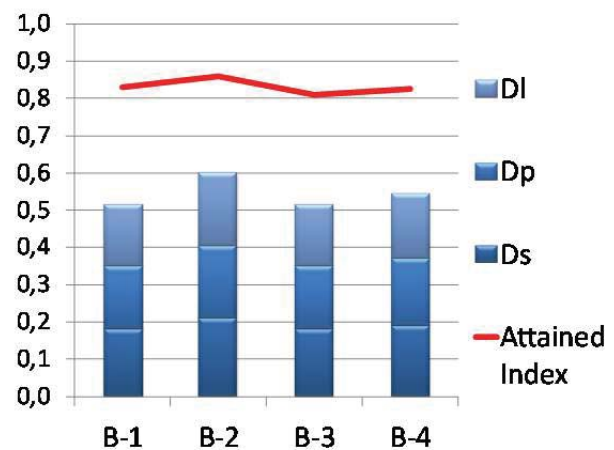


Figure 1 Area under the GZ curve compared with the Attained Index A_i

As the ship is not floating on the three initial draughts after damage anymore, an additional draught has been considered to reflect the situation of the vessel after flooding. This 'over' draught (D_o) is the deepest subdivision draught D_s plus 40% of the difference between D_s and D_l . In addition a weight factor 0.5 for D_l is used to adjust for the minor influence of this draught. Figure 2 show the improvement driven by these decisions.

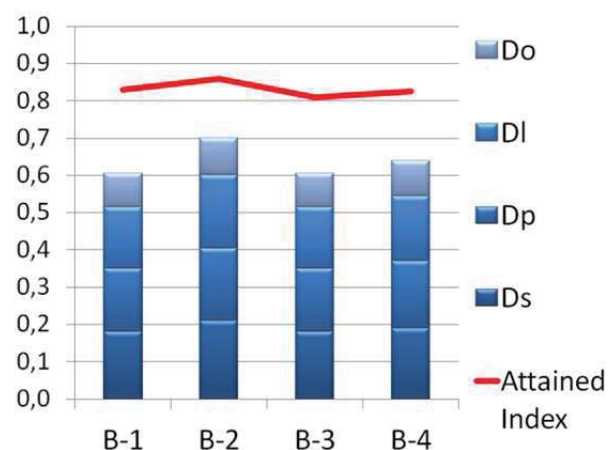


Figure 2 Area under the GZ curve compared with the Attained Index A_i with an additional draught D_o

Calculation Rule for the Stability Energy Index

Based on the findings an easy algorithm for the hull form designer has been developed to verify if his hull form will reach the Stability Energy

Index and to calculate the Required Stability Energy Index as a hard point for the hull for designer based on a given Attained Index reached in the damage stability calculation

The hull form designer will get the draughts D_l , D_p , D_s and D_o with their corresponding KG values. For each draught the corresponding area under the GZ curve has to be calculated from 0° to 22° list and summed up according the following formulae.

$$SE_{phi} = 0.5 \times E_{phi-l} + E_{phi-p} + E_{phi-s} + E_{phi-o}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{phi-l} &= E_{phi}(D_l; KG_l; 0^\circ - 22^\circ) \\ E_{phi-p} &= E_{phi}(D_p; KG_p; 0^\circ - 22^\circ) \\ E_{phi-s} &= E_{phi}(D_s; KG_s; 0^\circ - 22^\circ) \\ E_{phi-o} &= E_{phi}(D_o; KG_o; 0^\circ - 22^\circ) \end{aligned} \quad [1]$$

Stability Energy Index versus given Attained Index

Based on further calculations a simple calculation rule for SE_{phi} at a given Attained Index could be derived statistically.

$$SE_{phi}(RAI) = 2 \times RAI - se_{ship} \quad [2]$$

with: RAI = Required Attained Index and
 se_{ship} = correction factor for different ships [approx. $0.96-1.06^1$]

The following diagram shows the results by using the above introduced formula. For the same KGs and watertight subdivision the attained index has been calculated as well as the SE_{phi} indicated as the Real SE_{phi} in the diagram. A very good correlation has been found and with this prove this method has been used during parametric optimizations of hull forms resulting in the optimum compromise between hydrodynamic performance, space requirements and sufficient stability after flooding.

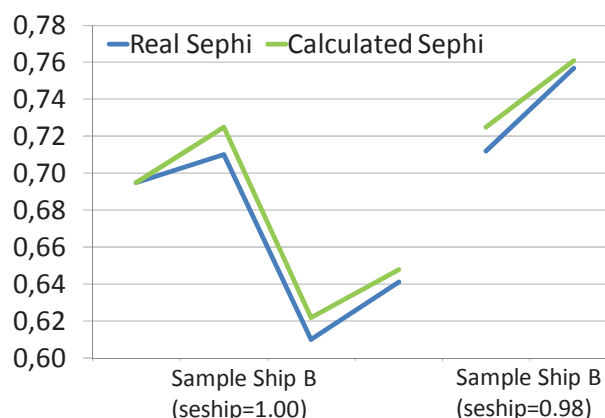


Figure 3 congruence between the real and the calculated SE_{phi}

5. EXAMPLE DESIGN TO SAFETY

One other example for design to safety is the arrangement of watertight doors in a passenger ship. The space below the bulkhead deck is subdivided into watertight compartments and on cruise ships, each square meter is used for the accommodation of the crew and technical spaces like workshops and laundries or storage areas. Each of the watertight compartments requires two means of escape, one of them needs to be a vertical stair or escape leading to the embarkation deck, the second one is usually a watertight door leading into the adjacent compartment.

If operational needs are not considered in the right way at an early design stage the purpose of the spaces may cause that watertight doors are required to be open during normal service and not only as an emergency escape. Typical examples are the laundry and the connected linen stores. In the past laundry and linen stores have been located in adjacent watertight compartments, but recent designs have shown that this can also be placed on top of each other. With this vertical flow the watertight doors may be kept closed during normal operation and this really increases the safety level.

¹ To be further investigated



6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

The safety related design process requires a high degree of transparency and close cooperation between the stake holders. Not only shipyard and operator are required to cooperate, also the regulatory bodies, like flag administration and classification societies, and technical experts need to be part of the team.

This approach has a number of positive effects. One is of course that the design is of outstanding quality, usually with a proven higher safety level than required by the rules and regulations, on the other hand the lack of knowledge about the special challenges for large cruise ships can be communicated in a better way to a wider audience.

A basic challenge however remains new designs and also new rules and regulations improve the safety of new ships significantly in a continuous way, however it takes about 30 to 40 years to get a whole fleet renewal. The question how to upgrade the safety of the existing fleet is one of the major tasks for the industry and the regulatory bodies in the coming years. Otherwise the gap in safety level between old and new ships will become unacceptable. The introduction and quantification of active safety measures may be one possible way to solve this problem.

7. CONCLUSIONS

Ship design always focus on safety and stability, however instead of interpreting given rules and regulations to their limits a change of mind is needed to maximize safety within the given design constraints. A proper holistic approach based on close cooperation between regulators, designers and operators is the way ahead, while using highly sophisticated calculation tools together with experience and traditional simple design methods to avoid the repetition of mistakes which have happened in the past. A method has been shown how this combination

of modern tools with old experiences can be used in the daily design process.

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ABSTRACT

This paper deals with major accident risk related to stability on large passenger ships. The main scope of work is to investigate the impact stability related risk has on the total risk picture, and introduce barrier management as an approach to control stability related risk. The paper also addresses some main elements in stability management, highlights critical barriers and presents a case study on how stability barrier management may function in practise.

Keywords: *Stability barrier management, barrier management, stability management, safety management, passenger ships, cruise ships, bowtie*

1. MAJOR ACCIDENT RISK FOR PASSENGER VESSELS

Several definitions of major accident exist, as described by DNV GL and the Norwegian Ship-owners Association in the report “Good Practices - Barrier Management in Operation for the Rig Industry” [1]. Although somewhat different, they all have in common that they refer to large scale consequences, in terms of impact on life, property and the environment. They also indicate that the consequences may be immediate or delayed, suggesting that there is a potential for escalation. Further, major accidents are complicated by nature and hard to predict. They involve a complex risk picture,

multi-linear chain of events, failure in several safety features, and with a potential for uncontrolled escalation.

Accidents related to ship damage stability have been shown to be a major risk contributor for passenger ships through the joint industry project Risk Acceptance Criteria and Risk-Based Damage Stability [2] and the Goal-Based Damage Stability project (GOALDS) [3] where annual accident frequencies for passenger ships were determined based on the IHS Fairplay. To increase the accuracy, the data was filtered according to several criteria and the following accident categories were selected for analysis: Collision, contact, grounding, (also designated wrecked/stranded) and fire/explosion

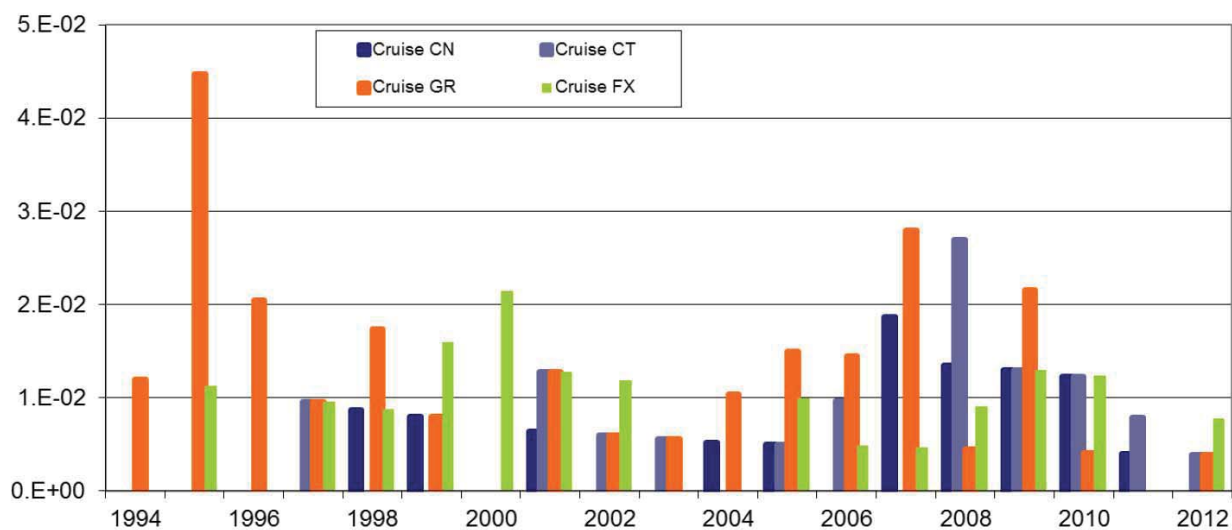


Figure 1: Annual accident frequencies for passenger ships (excluding ropax) [2] [3]

Explanation to figure:

- CN: Collision
- CT: Contact
- GR: Grounding (incl. Wrecked/Stranded)
- FX: Fire/explosion

The accident frequency statistics show that the main risk contributors for cruise ships are stability related. From 2000 to 2012, there were a total of 59 cruise ship casualties related to grounding, contact and collision and 21 to fire.

The events in the accident statistics above are all initial events considered to be serious, and could lead to a major accident with significant loss of life. For major accidents such as capsizing or sinking the risk is uncertain - we are still dependent on our perceptions to determine the risk. Exposure to some risk is unavoidable when operating a large passenger vessel in a seaway and it is not feasible for the industry to contemplate building and operating risk-free ships. The alternative would be a passenger ship never leaving port. The purpose of managing major accident risks is therefore not to eliminate the risk itself but to understand and control it so that risk can be managed in the most effective way.

2. INTRODUCTION TO BARRIER MANAGEMENT

The purpose of the barrier management approach to safety is to take into account the low frequency and high consequence major accidents by addressing the complexity of these scenarios. If a risk analysis predicts a major accident to occur once in a hundred years, it is hard to tell whether this happens tomorrow, in fifty years or in a hundred. Consequently, management of major accident risk requires good systems, which captures this complexity and reduces uncertainty. This is the main objective, or rationale, behind barrier management[1].

2.1 Bowties – the Foundation for Barrier Management

A common way to illustrate barriers is by James Reason's Swiss Cheese Model [4]:

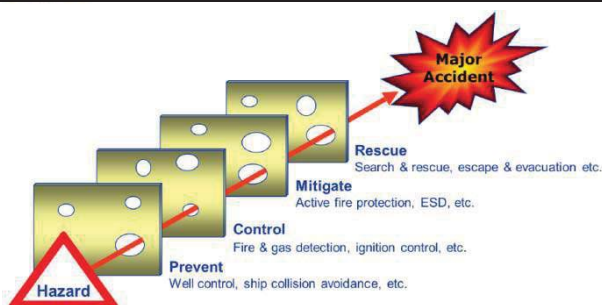


Figure 2: Swiss cheese model

As revealed by its name, the Swiss Cheese model illustrates an event sequence in which barriers are presented as cheese slices. The holes in the cheese slices represent barrier failure. Throughout the lifetime of a ship, holes in this model are expected to constantly move and change sizes depending on a multitude of causes, such as type of operation, condition of the ship, crew competence, to name but a few. For a major accident to happen, holes in the Swiss Cheese Model need to align, allowing for an accident trajectory.

Safety barriers are defined by making bowties, as has been defined by DNV GL and the Norwegian Shipowner's Association [1] to consist of the following elements:

- Hazard/Threat: Potential for human injury, damage to the environment, damage to property, or a combination of these (ISO 13702).
- Hazardous event: Incident which occurs when a hazard is realised (NORSOK Z-013; ISO 13702).
- Barriers: Barriers refer to measures established with an explicit purpose to (1) prevent a hazard from being realised, or (2) to mitigate the effects of a hazardous event.

A simplified presentation of the elements in the bowtie diagram is as follows:

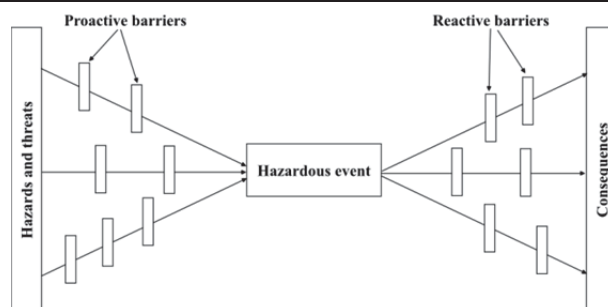


Figure 3: Simplified bowtie diagram [5]

An example for stability could be a ship sailing in a busy waterway in heavy fog (threat) leading to collision (hazardous event) that may lead, in turn, directly to loss of life (consequences).

The bowtie tool is flexible and standards vary between different companies depending on their needs and what the bowtie structure is used for. As an example, bowties for accident analysis may differ from bowties used to define barriers in a safety management system or bowties used for the purpose of regulatory development. DNV GL typically uses major accidents as defined in chapter 1 as hazardous events in the centre of the bowties [1]. Examples of such hazardous events are fire/explosion, capsizing, collision/grounding, loss of power generation, loss of propulsion/manoeuvring, terrorism and pollution to air/sea.

These hazardous events are selected to best capture the complexity of major accidents. The bowties are naturally interlinked, meaning that the same incident may be a hazardous event, consequence or a threat depending on how the operator decides to set up the bowtie. Likewise, the same incident may be a threat in one bowtie, and a consequence in another. As an example, a collision may lead to fire/explosion, capsizing, loss of power generation or pollution to sea. Likewise loss of power generation may lead to collision.

From a safety management perspective, the purpose of the bowtie is to define barriers that are the foundation of the management system.

The only way to control a major accident risk is by controlling the integrity of the barriers at all times. By spotting degradation of a barrier at an early stage, one can take necessary action before an accident trajectory opens in the Swiss cheese model. Further, there is a need to have a process in place that continuously analyses the barriers for improvement potential, either by strengthening the existing barriers or adding new ones.

Using the bowtie structure as a basis for barrier management also contributes to the understanding of major accident risk. If one understands the bowtie, one will also improve the understanding of the complexity of accident risk and the purpose of the different safety functions. For every item that is sorted and managed under a barrier, be it e.g., a job in a maintenance system, a procedure or a rule, the function and purpose of the item is self-explanatory - the bow-tie structure explains *why* the item is there. Likewise, the bowtie structure explains *how* we manage our barriers. A certain barrier is managed by the totalities of items beneath it in the structure. As the complexity of the passenger ship industry develops, the bowtie concept may be useful for handling a novel design, which requires a different approach to managing safety barriers than what is stipulated through regulation and conventional design processes, which more often than not lack structure and rationale.

2.2 Moving Beyond Compliance

Given the severe consequences of a major accident on a large passenger vessel, it is the opinion of the authors that a compliance-based safety culture is not sufficient. History has proven that the current international structure for rules and regulations cannot keep up with the pace in which the industry is developing. The aftermath of the Estonia and the Herald of Free Enterprise accidents are two examples where update of international regulations first came as a consequence of a major accident.

Weaknesses in safety barriers must be addressed before an accident happens and this is one of the main purposes of a barrier management system. By systematically seeking improvements to barriers, the target goes from being in compliance to continuous improvement.

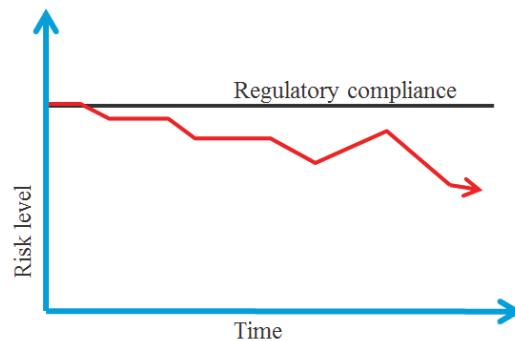


Figure 4: Targeting continuous improvement vs targeting compliance

Some operators of large passenger ships have taken steps beyond compliance on some aspects relating to stability. Examples are cruise ships designed to withstand more than three compartment damage, double skin at the engine room region of cruise ships, larger GM than the required value for compliance, enhanced damage response procedures, shore side training in damage control, increased drill frequencies, etc.

The next step for such companies could be to introduce a barrier management system that systemizes these initiatives and ensures that the improvements continue. However, simply placing a modern approach upon aging foundations will lead to increased long-term workload, frustration and a general hesitation towards acceptance of the modern approach. The transformation must not be done by adding work, but rather by working smarter, and it must be seen and understood as a means of delivering higher value.

3. STABILITY BARRIER MANAGEMENT

In 2012 Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd and DNV GL worked together in defining a framework for enhanced stability management [6]. The focus on stability has continued and can be seen in the light of the following trends:

- Increasing size of passenger ships, which both increases the severity of the worst case consequences and increases the complexity of barriers related to e.g. evacuation.
- Manning and training. Finding competent crew is an increasing challenge, which makes training ever more important.
- Workload onboard ships.

- Operation in new areas and continual shifts in deployment strategy.
- New operators entering the market with little passenger ship experience.
- Ship revitalization projects and conversions whose scope impacts stability.
- Complexity of new approaches to ship stability: shift from deterministic to probabilistic stability regulations
- Increased level of automation.

3.1 Stability Bowties

The following bowtie for Capsizing was created as a prototype by DNV GL in 2014:

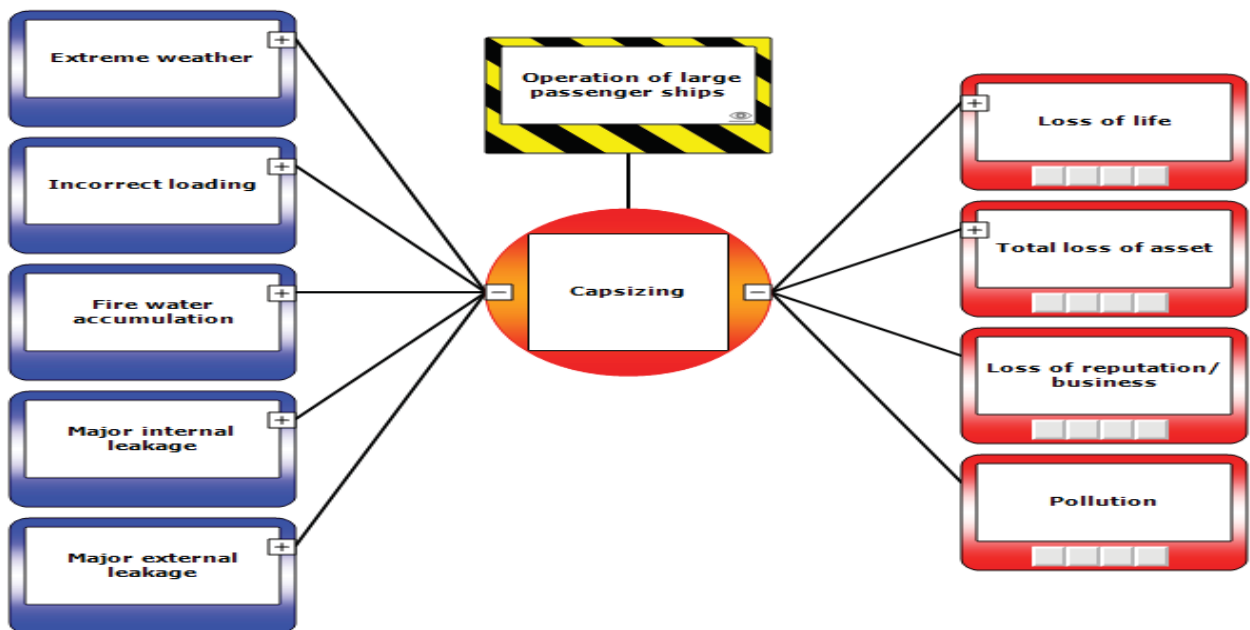


Figure 5: High level bowtie diagram, only showing threats and consequences.

To account for the complexity of the major accident, the bowtie diagram can be broken down into a number of elements. The following

example is for the sub-function Detect Leakage.

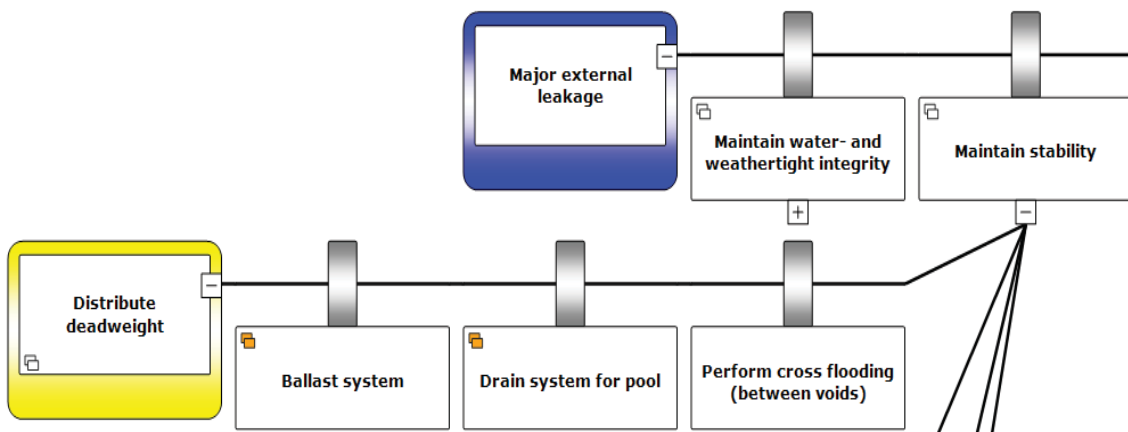


Figure 6: Elements in bowtie diagram

The bowtie diagram will typically consist of dozens of different barrier elements that all need to be considered in the barrier management system. While the full detail bowtie serves its purpose for designing the barrier management system and barrier analysis, it may be beneficial to simplify it for the purpose of day-to-day management. In the following example, four preventive barriers against capsizing have been designed for use in a stability barrier management system.

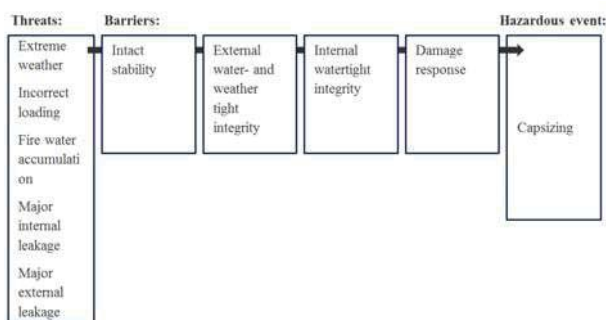


Figure 7: Example of preventive barriers against capsizing, for use in a stability management system.

Besides the four barriers above, there are several other barriers that may be relevant for stability barrier management. A bowtie with Collision/Grounding as the Hazardous Event is interesting with regards to the accident statistics, which highlights this as the major risk contributor for passenger vessels. The

Collision/grounding and Capsizing bowties would be interlinked, as they can be seen as threats/causes and consequences for each other (collision can be a cause for capsizing, and capsizing a consequence in collision). In the bowtie above, collision/grounding is included in the threat “Major external leakage”. Having Collision/grounding and Capsizing as hazardous events in separate bowties, will allow for a better risk presentation as it will capture the other threats for capsizing and the other consequences of collision/grounding.

The following main areas are seeing the most attention in the industry:

- Barriers related to Navigation, i.e preventing collision/grounding/contact.
- Watertight doors, which is a part of the barrier Internal Watertight Integrity, i.e preventing capsizing or sinking.
- Damage response: Detection, assessment and mitigation of a damage.

And as with most barriers, the challenges with ensuring the integrity are all related to people, processes and technical systems.

Navigation is an important barrier as it is far most to the left in the accident scenario described above. Controlling this barrier and preventing an accident from happening in an early stage is of course preferable to mitigation after e.g., grounding. At the same time it is a complicated barrier, involving management of people, processes and advanced systems. There have been significant investments into

navigation systems and training over the last years, but still the shipping industry as a whole has not seen a reduction of navigational accidents.

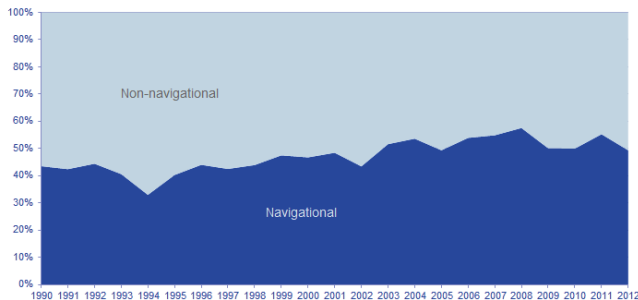


Figure 8: Distribution of navigational vs non-navigational accidents, 1990-2012 (All vessels, excluding fishing and miscellaneous categories). Source: IHS Fairplay

Watertight doors are a critical system for maintaining internal watertight integrity of the ship. The watertight doors stand out from other watertight bulkhead penetrations because of the following:

- The size of the opening. The bilge systems on dry side of the bulkhead may handle small leaks but not the flow rate through an open watertight door.
- The possibility that the door is open at the time of the accident and will depend on the combination people, processes and technical systems in order to be closed.
- The water tight doors may frequently be in use and thereby over time be prone to failure.

Watertight doors are used as a case study in chapter 4.

3.2 Main Elements of Stability Barrier Management

The total robustness of a safety barrier can be seen as the sum of the inherent robustness, which is latent in the ship design and the robustness, which needs to be managed during operation. Therefore, the ship design sets the bar and the operation of the vessel can be seen

as the ability to keep the bar as close to the design intent. Having said this, interventional or active measures (e.g., counterballast post damage, use of inflatable devices, active foam, etc.), may with time and technological innovation change this norm. This is outlined further in the following.

The operational part can further be broken down into strategic, operational and emergency stability management [6]

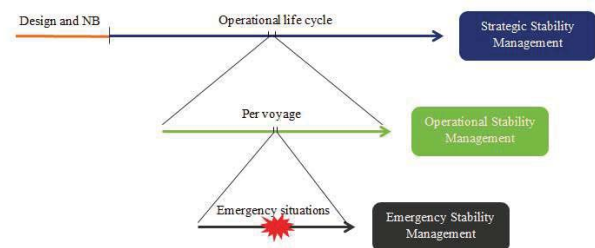


Figure 9: Main Elements of Stability Management

- Ship design and new building: The management process ensuring that the ship is designed and built with an inherent level of safety and sufficient margins as a result of current regulation and a company's safety culture, addressing aspects such as layout constraints, number of bulkheads, tank arrangement, steel weight, centre of gravity, WTD arrangement and deck openings.
- Strategic stability management - operational life cycle perspective: shore side barrier management processes that ensure fleet-wide control over barriers, continuous improvement and allows for long term planning of stability enhancing measures based on data and operator feedback.
- Operational stability management - per voyage perspective: On board barrier management processes that control barriers and react to important factors and parameters to ensure that the voyage is safe, efficient, in compliance and according to company policy. The operational level of stability management is strongly linked to strategic management

and is a key predicator for effective strategic management.

- Emergency stability management – emergency situations: Both on board and shore side emergency response procedures that give a structured and clear response to ensure full barrier integrity and thereby preventing loss of stability.

The inherent robustness in passenger ship design with regards to stability has developed significantly in the last decade, in particular with the transition from deterministic to probabilistic rules for stability. In addition some ship owners have introduced own standards, such as designing ships with double skin.

However, for the industry as a whole, it is the claim of the authors that the traditionally design focused culture for stability management must be shifted to one where the operation is seen as integral player to maintaining barrier integrity. Examples on how stability management in operations can be improved have been demonstrated by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd who since 2012 have enhanced their damage response procedures, increased the shore side training on damage control, introduced data tracking of opening hours of watertight doors and increased damage response drill frequencies [6] to name but a few of the many initiatives.

4. CASE STUDY: WATERTIGHT DOORS

In this chapter we are using a barrier defined as Internal Watertight Integrity and the sub-function Watertight Doors as an example on how barrier management may function in practice. The chapter exemplifies how the barrier can be managed by cooperation between the shore side and ship side of an organization.

The following figure shows how watertight doors can be represented as a sub-function in a simplified bowtie.

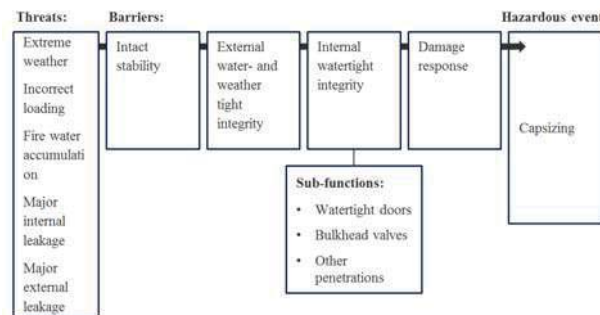


Figure 10: Simplified bowtie, including internal watertight integrity and watertight doors.

With a barrier management system, the operator knows why watertight doors are important, knows the condition and takes necessary action to ensure maximum integrity to the safety barrier. A person with knowledge about the bowtie structure will also know why watertight doors are important, so the chapter focuses on how a company could know the condition of the watertight doors and take necessary action.

While watertight doors are chosen as an example in this paper, it is important to highlight the need for also managing the other sub-functions in the barrier to ensure that there are no holes in the Swiss cheese. Time and resources should be distributed according to the importance of the sub-functions, and with the bowtie as a basis there are possibilities to do a risk calculation for each barrier, which can be used as input for concentrating resources to the most critical areas.

Besides being an important function, watertight doors are interesting as an example for the following reasons:

- It is possible to measure data which may be available via the watertight door control system or the VDR. Further, the data can be aggregated to ship class and fleet level and be used for analytics. This is already

being done by some operators. There is also a possibility of live data streaming of this data from ship to shore and provide shore side with a live feed on the status of the barrier.

- There is a certain degree of complexity to the watertight doors as a sub-function. It has elements related to the people, processes and technical systems.
- Watertight doors must be managed in all elements of stability management: Design, strategic, operational and emergency. It thereby also requires active participation from both ship side and shore side.



Figure 11: Example: Trending of opening hours for watertight doors

4.1 Ship side barrier management, watertight doors

Ship side will perform a barrier analysis for their ship, and their input for determining the status of the watertight doors will typically be the following:

- Tests and inspections
- Maintenance
- Drills
- Data monitoring of opening hours of the ship's watertight doors over time. This data may be measured against pre-defined targets.
- Partners or third party inspections, typically class, port state control or maker of systems. Ideally the partners report in the same barrier management structure as the operator.
- The 'last barrier analysis'. How has the status progressed since last time?

A combination of colour coding and pre-defined acceptance criteria is a common method for reporting the status.

Based on the barrier assessment, the officers will perform the following actions:

- Report the status of the safety barriers to shore side for further analysis in a ship class and fleet perspective
- If needed, perform any necessary action on the ship's watertight doors. These actions may be related to people, processes or technical systems.

4.2 Shore side barrier management, watertight doors

Shore side personnel will perform a barrier analysis for the fleet and for different ship classes. The barrier structure will be identical as the on-board analysis, but the perspective and number of units will differ. Their input for determining the status of the watertight doors will typically be the following:

- Barrier analysis for individual ships, reported by each ship. Are the reported deficiencies systematic in their nature, or is it a one-off?
- Maintenance records aggregated to fleet level
- Data monitoring of opening hours of the fleet's watertight doors over time. This data may be measured against pre-defined targets.
- Partners or third party inspections, typically class, port state control or maker of systems.
- The last barrier analysis. How has the status progressed over time?

Based on the barrier assessment, the shore side personnel may perform actions toward the ships related to people, processes or the technical systems. They may take immediate action against individual ships if needed, but the main task of the shore side management is to provide instructions, guidance and training



to enable the ship's crew and officers to manage the watertight doors in operation and emergency situations.

Another important task of shore side management is to assess the confidence of the barrier assessment, asking if enough information is available in order to confidently set a status on a barrier, or if more sources of information are needed. This may for instance lead to changes in maintenance/test/inspection intervals for watertight doors or setting up systems for tracking and trending opening hours. Likewise, the acceptance criteria for the barrier assessment should be reviewed at regular intervals; this is where both shore side and ship side has the opportunity of raising the bar by setting new targets and thereby ensuring continuous improvement and concentrate resources on the most critical elements.

Shore side management will also be responsible for bringing relevant findings from the barrier analysis to the design phase, ensuring that the next generations of passenger ships are modified to strengthen the barrier. If a flooding situation occurs and one or more watertight doors are open, the survivability of the ship is most likely significantly reduced as expressed by the attained index A calculated in accordance with SOLAS. The designers must find solutions to reach an equivalent level of safety. In such a setting, input from strategic and operational stability management may be valuable, as has already been proven by some operators. By tracking and trending opening hours of watertight doors, one can pinpoint which doors have the biggest effect on survivability and the operation, and redesign accordingly.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Collision or grounding leading to water ingress and capsizing or sinking have been shown to be a major risk contributor for passenger ships. Given the severe consequences of a major accident on a large

passenger vessel, it is the opinion of the authors that a compliance based safety culture is not sufficient. Moving beyond compliance means explicitly addressing risks and risk mitigation.

The introduction of barrier management can be an effective way of systemizing both prevention and mitigation in order to reduce risk and ensure continuous improvement. Barrier management must address people, processes and technological systems. Whilst the ship is designed and built with an inherent level of safety, it is necessary to address the important elements of stability in holistic view and over time. Watertight doors represent a good example of barrier management addressing all elements of stability management: Design, strategic, operational and emergency.

Proper stability management addressing all four phases of stability management using a barrier management system will in the opinion of the authors contribute to reducing the risk of large scale accidents involving major loss of life.

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ABSTRACT

The paper is concerned with integrating the management of caring and safety in an offshore project in order that a pro-active method would be available. It is aimed at minimising any adverse effects of the project activities on the environment. After introducing the background, a brief review of safety management is performed before examining the influences of major disasters. Major disasters relating to Piper Alpha and Deepwater Horizon are discussed. Treatments of environmental impact are considered before proposing the Offshore Caring-Safety Management (OCSM) approach. The main conclusion is that pro-active attitude will assist in caring the environment and be safer while minimising reactive thinking.

Keywords: *Caring and safety management, hazard, risk, offshore*

1. INTRODUCTION

In the early days of offshore hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation, the safety of offshore installations was addressed by following the experience ship safety approach. This is not surprising as searching and producing of oil was taking a new step in going from onshore operations to working in the waters. In practice, this was not a direct adaptation as there were some key differences, such as ships float and used mainly for transportation while offshore installations were attached to the ground and did work. As offshore hydrocarbon activities progressed from shallow waters to deep waters, the drilling and production were being done by “rigs” under the names of jack ups, semi submersibles and FPSO (Floating Production Storage Offloading) vessels, see for example Rendal (2010). Little attention was paid to the adverse effects of these activities. The paper will highlight treatment of ship safety, influence of offshore disasters, consider how environmental impact is being tackled and examine possible approaches before proposing

the Offshore Caring -Safety Management (OCSM) approach for offshore application.

2. HIGHLIGHT OF SHIP SAFETY MANAGEMENT

The treatment of ship safety is based on evolutionary approach which makes minor changes to existing regulations using the lessons learnt from failures or accidents which have occurred in practical operations. Once the failure information is examined and analysed, the recommended agreed decisions would be responded by the relevant authorities and the practical implementation is achieved using fresh prescriptive regulations. It should be noted that this regulatory approach assumes that safety is absolute and this is a fundamental weakness which will be discussed later.

Significant changes have been made in ship safety when major disasters occurred and most influential ones include:

- Sinking of passenger ship Titanic, leading to SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) regulations, IMO (2004).
- Capsizing of Ro Ro ferry the Herald of Free Enterprise, DTp (1987)
- Grounding of Exxon Vadis in Alaska leading to OPA 90 (Oil Pollution Act) which require tankers to have double hull if the operators plan to ship oil into USA, US Coast Guard (1990).

In the light of these disasters, many research studies have been performed by operators, classification societies, industry and academics. The more important maritime ones involve greater use of risk based methods, Vassalos (2009), Formal Safety Assessment (FSA), IMO (1996) and Goal Based Standard (GBS), IMO (2004). These methods are focused on ship safety and have had little direct influence on offshore oil and gas operations.

In recent years great attention is being paid to safety management that is putting greater emphasis on management, see Kuo (1998) for details on various aspects of maritime safety management.

3. APPROACH TO OFFSHORE SAFETY

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Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) that include semi - submersibles and later FPSOs.

Deficiencies were noted in applying ship approach but no significant changes made until the explosion of jacket structure Piper Alpha in the North Sea in 1988, HSE (1990). More recently explosion and fire of semi-submersible Deepwater Horizon and followed by oil spillage from the Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, US Coast Guard (2012). Further discussion of their impact will be summarised in the next two sections.

4. IMPACT OF PIPER ALPHA DISASTER IN 1988

In spite of incompatibilities the adapted ship safety approach it was continued to be used with minor modifications. It was only the major disaster of Piper Alpha in the North Sea and subsequent Public Inquiry of Lord Cullen that enabled the introduction of alternative approach, see HSE (1992). The Cullen report made 106 recommendations and the most significant being the approach based on the goal setting concept which is applied in other industries such as nuclear power industry. The offshore hydrocarbon industry adopted the name safety case approach. The principal aim was to make the operator think about safety and share responsibility for safety. In the practical implementation of the safety case approach, the operator defines the safety goal to be achieved and how the goal will be met to a national authority, in the UK it is Health and Safety Executive (HSE). HSE accepts the safety case but do not give its approval. To verify the operator is doing what has been written in the report, the HSE inspectors will make regular inspection visits and they can stop the installation's production if they find the operators are not doing what has been given in the submitted report.

The most significant outcomes of using the safety case approach have been to change the operator's safety attitude and culture and have

great responsibility. Although the safety case approach has been in existence for nearly 27 years there is scope for improvement when the environmental impact is taken into account.

5. EFFECT OF DEEPWATER HORIZON DISASTER IN 2010

The Deepwater Horizon was a MODU working in the Macondo field off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico. The operator was BP and the main contractors were Transocean and Halliburton who had various responsibilities. The former owned and operated the MODU and the latter on drilling activities.

There was a blow out at the wellhead and the equipment known as BOP (Blow Out Preventer) did not stop the surging oil and gas. A major explosion and fire occurred on Deepwater Horizon in April 2010 leading to death to 11 of 126 people working on board. Oil was spilling into ocean to a record quantity until July 2010 before the well was re-capped.



Figure.1 Explosion and fire of Deepwater Horizon

The effect of the explosion and oil spillage shock the oil and gas industry as well as the nation. As oil spillage continued, event was on top of America's media agenda and a number of committees were set up or re-organised to investigate this incident, a key one is given by

National Commission (2012). A good discussion of the event can be found in the book by Sutton (2014). The outcome of the major oil spillage is more regulations that require the operators to implement a SEMS (Safety and Environmental Management System) program, see Sutton (2014) for a summary of key steps involved.

There are many reasons for this failure and the main reason is understood to be the failures of the management in the wider sense. These range from pressure to minimise cost though ineffective communication arrangement to sound decision making.

6. ADDRESSING OFFSHORE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The methods of addressing environmental impact are at present based on prescriptive regulatory principle and the level of their implementation depend on the countries having the rights to the continental shelves. There are two popular methods used in both the maritime and offshore industries. One method focuses on controlling pollution and discharges by regulations. The other covers broader scope and comes under the name of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These will now be briefly considered

a) Pollution related regulations

Similar to the use of prescriptive regulations to address safety, there are now well-established prescriptive regulations for dealing with pollution. The high profile ones are concerned with oil pollution caused by crude oil tankers, e.g. MARPOL, IMO (2006) and Oil Pollution Act 1990, OPA 90 (1990) and US Coast Guard (1990). There are also regulations concerned with other types of pollution, e.g. discharges into the atmosphere. In the offshore hydrocarbon activities, for example, there are regulations associated with disposal of drilling cuttings, flaring of gas and decommissioning of offshore installations.

The merits and drawbacks concerning the use of these regulations for addressing environmental impact are basically the same as those outlined for safety. The exception is that there are more maritime safety experience and data than what are available to address offshore environmental impacts. This in turn can be difficult in devising balanced EI regulations.

b) EIA and its usage

With growing interest in environmental issues in the past four decades and recognition that all development activities need to achieve sustainability, fresh legislations have been formulated in attempt to reach a proper balance between industrial developments and their effects on the environment. The outcome has been that large projects have to perform an EIA, e.g. a new building and how it will affect the environment.

An EIA assesses the possible positive or negative impacts a proposed project may have on the environment that include physical, social and economic effects. The EIA use is particularly valuable to decision makers regarding the viability of the project. The EIA process can be represented by a flow diagram with blocks such as project background, identifying key impacts, evaluating their significance, consulting the public, communicating findings in the form of environmental statements and decision making. There has been extensive work in EIA and further information can be found for examples in Therivel & Morris (2009) and Glasson et al (2009).

For oil and gas activities in the UKCS, DECC (2014) gives information including a concise summary on the EIA legislations, guidance on how to meet the requirements and the aspects needing interaction with the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). In general it is DECC which considers environmental impact and when safety issues arise, the UK Health and Safety Executive would be involved.

7. POSSIBLE OPTIONS FORWARD

Main possible options forward for integrating offshore environmental impact with safety management include:

a) Introducing more stringent regulations

Since prescriptive regulatory approach has played a very important role and it is continually being applied, the authorities can introduce more stringent regulations to control the EI of offshore hydrocarbon activities. The key merit of this option is that it can show to the public that “something has been firmly done”. The main drawback is that EI, like safety, is not an absolute entity. It is most unlikely that this option would not be fully effective. In addition all weaknesses of prescriptive regulatory approach would be present, see Kuo (2007).

b) Performing an EIA

Introduce EIA to offshore hydrocarbon activities would enable many aspects of environmental impact to be examined more fully. The key merits include: EI would receive full attention at an early stage and effort to minimise its effects could be incorporated; the process would assist in educating everyone on how EI can be treated. The main drawback is that existing EIA covers a huge number of factors ranging from economic and political to social and culture that technological aspects receive limited attention. For this reason EIA, in the existing form, may be too “global” for interface with safety management and this in turn leads to the danger for EI and safety management being treated separately. Other drawbacks include: difficulties in obtaining reliable input data for the assessment, time needed to do an EIA for an offshore activity and the need to train more people in applying EIA methodology from an engineering stand point.

c) Preparing an environmental impact case

The safety management of offshore installations in UKCS has evolved from implementing prescriptive regulatory approach to using safety case concept, and it is possible to ask the operators to prepare an Environmental Impact Case in a similar way to a safety case.

The main merit is that environmental impact would be given focused attention like safety and this ensures that the various critical issues are examined more closely and in greater depth. This in turn would increase greater awareness of potential adverse effects of specific operations on the offshore environment. The main drawback is the danger that safety management and EI could go by different routes due to many different angles the issues can be addressed and this is undesirable as it is only when they are considered together that the true benefits can be achieved. Other drawbacks include: duplication of effort and conflict between the two entities.

8. WHICH WAY FORWARD?

It can be seen from the previous section that all the options have merits and drawbacks. For these reasons, none of three methods, in the present form, would justify the development efforts in integrating environment impact with safety management. Furthermore, to reduce environmental impact tends to be a responsive mind set.

For an approach that can take into account the integration of safety management and impact on the offshore environment, there is a need to explore fresh and innovative treatments. In addition, the successful approach must meet, as best as possible, the following criteria:

- Be pro-active in addressing offshore environment
- Can take into account non-absolute nature of safety and caring

- The role of human action, attitude, behaviour must be transparent
- Able to integrate caring management and safety management
- Would be usable in practical situations

9. PROPOSING AN OCSM APPROACH

The approach is called Offshore Caring - Safety Management (OSCM) and it is developed from the use of the Generic Management System Circuit (GMSC) unit to generate a standard safety case, Kuo (2007). The basic GMSC unit is made up of two principal parts as shown in Figure 2. One is a common management system circuit and the other is a specific process scheme. In present form, would justify the development efforts in integrating environment impact with safety management. Furthermore, to reduce environmental impact tends to be a responsive mind set.

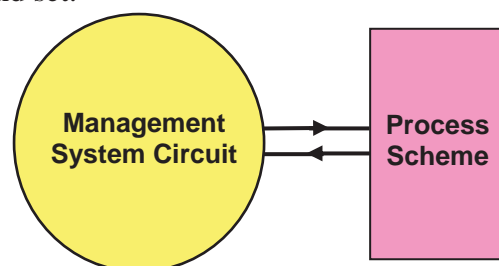


Figure 2 Basic unit of Generic Management System Circuit (GSMC)

The management system circuit has five elements. It begins by defining the goals and performance criteria before organising resources and activities to ensure the goals can be met. The process scheme is then implemented. The results obtained are measured against the performance criteria before reviewing the feedback and lessons learnt as well as documenting the experience gained. These five elements are placed on a revolving circuit so as to ensure improvement is continuous and iteration is introduced via feedback from the review element to the define element.

The process scheme can take any form depending on the situation in question. For the caring- safety management method the two schemes are caring and safety, see Figure 3.

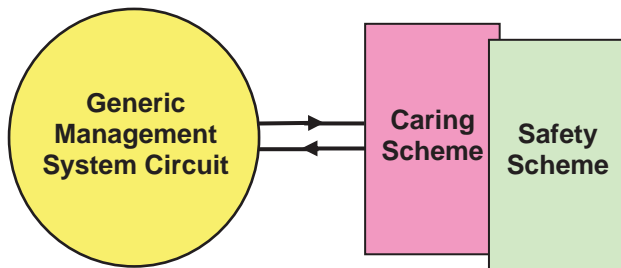


Figure 3 GMSC with caring and safety schemes

The scheme has four main steps of: identifying hazards, assess the risk level of the hazards, reduce the intolerable risk levels of hazards and prepare for emergencies. The resulting arrangement for GMSC for safety and environmental impact is shown in Figure 4.

The next section highlights how caring is integrated with safety management.

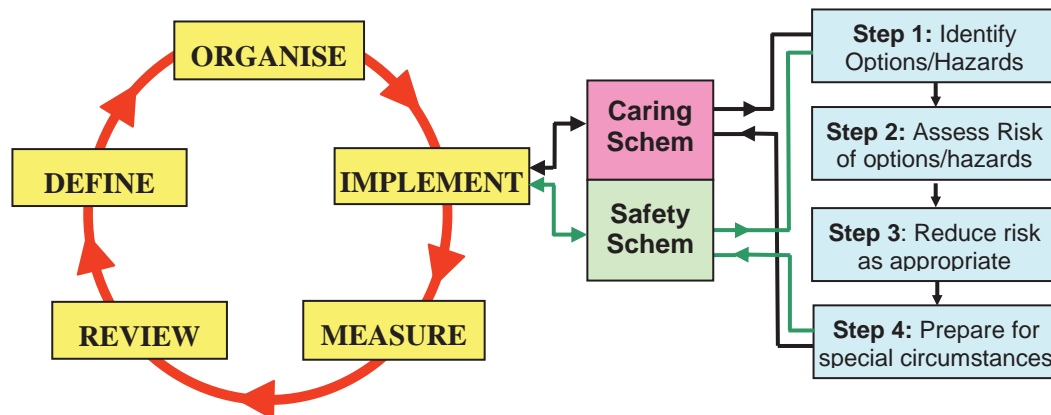


Figure 4 Sketch showing GMSC for caring – safety schemes

10. INTEGRATING CARING AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT

There are five main elements in the GMSC

Element 1: DEFINE

There are two tasks to be performed in this element.

- Define the goals for caring and safety.
- Define a set of performance criteria that involve technological and human factors

Element 2: ORGANISE

A number of activities are involved and include for example

- Planning and scheduling of activities
- Identify sources of information

Element 3: IMPLEMENT

This element is concerned with the implementation of the caring-safety scheme. This scheme involves identify options, opportunities and hazards. Their risk levels are then assessed and reduced as appropriate. This is followed by preparing for special situations and generation of results.

Element 4: MEASURE

The results obtained should be measured against the performance criteria defined in Element 1.

Element 5: REVIEW

Following from the previous elements the review would cover analysis of the lessons learnt, exploring scope for improvement and

benchmarking. On completion of review information would be feedback to Element 1 for further iteration if required.

A mind map for OCSM approach is given in Figure 5.

combined caring and safety management approach. Caring task can be implemented at concept and initial design phases of a product's life cycle. This would lead to savings in time and costs.

- The roles of education and training

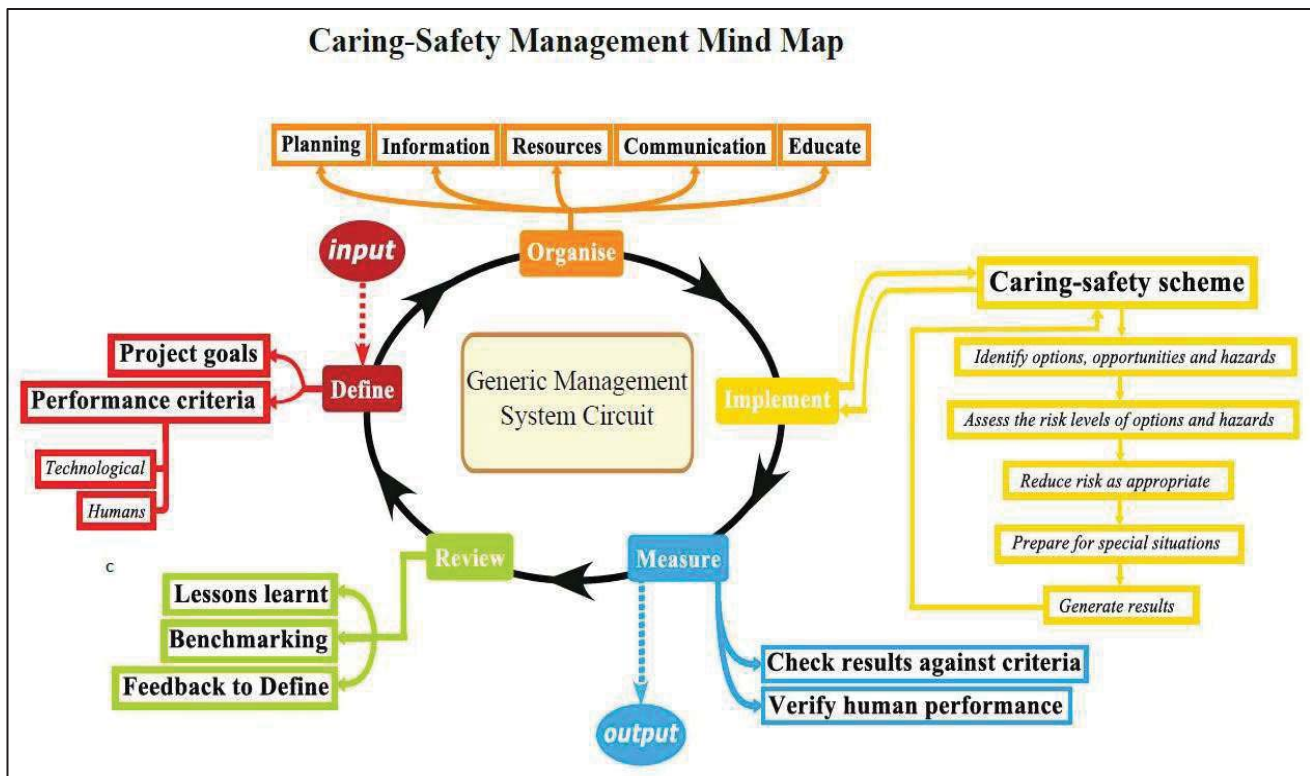


Figure.5 A mind map of an Offshore Caring-Safety Management approach

11. DISCUSSION

The following items deserve brief discussion.

- Integrating caring and safety

Safety is generally treated as a single entity and with demands to prevent pollution from offshore operations the efforts are devoted to minimising environmental impact. This means a responsive attitude is adopted. There is a need to change the way we think by integrating caring with safety. Caring is a pro-active response. There a number of ways in achieving the integration and this can be done through a

When a new procedure or working practice is being introduced in many activities it is quite common to hear people express opinions like: “We need to give the staff or team training”. The word education is never mentioned. One would question why this is the case? There are many reasons and some examples include: They associate training with doing something practical; they think education is going to school, college or university; they have given little thought about the roles of education and training. Education and training have many similarities but also differences. A key difference is on the emphasis. Education focuses on achieving competence and involves developing and changing attitudes and behaviours of those concerned. Training

concentrates on improving a person's efficiency in doing a specific tasks, see Kuo (1998).

In practice, education and training go together. E & T has a dual role of generating a positive safety culture & enhancing capability. Indeed, training alone has several serious weaknesses. The key ones include: no insight into the task being trained to do; lack of ability to correct minor deviation from routine.

12. CONCLUSIONS

There are three main conclusions to be draw:

Firstly, caring and safety are non- absolute entities in that there are no right or wrong answer to a situation so long as the goals are met and a generic management system is needed to ensure consistent and effective solutions are obtained in its usage.

Secondly, there is a tendency to put emphasis on reducing environment impact which is a responsive approach and it would be better to use a pro-active approach via integrating caring management with safety management.

Thirdly, successful practical application of technological advances require the active support of a positive caring and safety culture coupled continuing focused efforts in education and training.

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ABSTRACT

With the advent of the second-generation intact stability criteria, IMO has initiated a two-tier performance-based stability assessment process for unconventional hulls. If the design fails the first tier evaluations, it progresses to the second tier, where direct assessment criteria are applied. The design is considered satisfactory if the direct assessment criteria are passed. If these criteria are not passed, operator guidance is needed to provide vessel operators with the information needed to safely operate the vessel in dangerous conditions. Ship motion simulation tools are needed to apply the direct assessment criteria and generate operator guidance, if necessary.

A framework is presented for certification that simulation tools used for direct assessment of stability failures and generation of operator guidance are sufficiently accurate for these purposes. Based on US Navy experience, guidance is provided on the Verification, Validation and Accreditation (VV&A) process, structure, and participation, and acceptance criteria are given for both quantitative and qualitative accreditation approaches. Accreditation acceptance criteria are tailorable to ship-specific VV&A efforts, particularly with regards to definition of critical motions and physical limits.

Keywords: *Verification, Validation and Accreditation; VV&A; Formal VV&A*

1 INTRODUCTION

For commercial vessels, the classical intact stability criteria is based on the work of Rahola (1939) and is incorporated in the International Code on Intact Stability, the 2008 IS Code (MSC 85/26/Add.1¹). Similar criteria for naval vessels is provided by Sarchin & Goldberg (1962) and codified in the NATO Naval Ship Code

(NATO, 2007a,b) and by a US Navy Design Data Sheet (Rosborough, 2007). These criteria are prescriptive—that is they are a set of criteria, defined based on empirical data, which are *assumed* to ensure that a vessel meeting the criteria will have adequate static stability. The history of development and the background of the IMO criteria are described by Kobylinski & Kastner (2003); a summary of the origin of these criteria is also available in chapter 3 of the Explanatory Notes to the International Code on Intact Stability (MSC.1/Circ.1281).

The deficiency of these prescriptive ap-

¹References to IMO documents such as “MSC 85/26/Add.1” appear in the list of references with an “IMO” prefix, i.e. as: IMO MSC 85/26/Add.1. As there is no ambiguity in the names of the IMO citations, the year will be omitted from the citations.



proaches is that their adequacy is contingent upon vessels and their modes of operation lying within the “design space” of the vessels that define the empirical data used to derive the criteria. However, the design space is not necessarily well defined and modern vessels are more and more tending to lie outside of the traditional design space—the classical intact stability criteria do not apply to these latter vessels.

Beginning in the early 2000’s efforts were initiated to develop performance based stability criteria for commercial vessels with the re-establishment of the intact-stability working group by IMO’s Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) (cf. Francescutto, 2004, 2007). Over time, the terminology to describe the new intact stability criteria evolved from “performance based” to “next generation” to “2nd generation,” the terminology in use today. This entire evolution is described in the introduction to Peters, *et al.* (2011).

The SLF Working Group decided that the second-generation intact stability criteria should be performance-based and address three modes of stability failure (SLF 48/21, paragraph 4.18):

- *Restoring arm variation* problems, such as parametric roll and pure loss of stability;
- *Stability under dead ship condition*, as defined by SOLAS regulation II-1/3-8; and
- *Maneuvering related problems in waves*, such as surf-riding and broaching-to.

Ultimately, a fourth mode of stability failure was added:

- *Excessive accelerations*.

The deliberations of the Working Group led to the formulation of the framework for the second generation intact stability criteria, which is described in SLF 50/4/4 and was discussed at the 50th session of SLF in May 2007. The key elements of this framework were the distinction between parametric criteria (the 2008 IS Code) and performance-based criteria, and between probabilistic and deterministic criteria. Special attention was paid to probabilistic criteria; the existence of the *problem of rarity* was recognized for the first time and a definition was offered. Also,

due to the rarity of stability failures, the evaluation of the probability of failure with numerical tools was recognized as a significant challenge.

“Second-generation intact-stability criteria” are based on a multi-tiered assessment approach: for a given ship design, each stability-failure mode is evaluated using two levels of vulnerability assessment. The two tiers or levels of vulnerability assessment criteria are characterized by different levels of accuracy and computational effort, with the first level being simpler and more conservative than the second.

A ship which fails to comply with the first level is assessed by the second-level criteria. In a case of unacceptable results, the vessel must then be examined by means of a direct assessment procedure based on tools and methodologies corresponding to the best state-of-the-art prediction methods in the field of ship-capsizing prediction. This third-level criteria should be as close to the physics of capsizing as practically possible.

The framework and the concept of vulnerability criteria were first introduced in Belenky, *et al.* (2008a). The state-of-the-art in the assessment of vulnerability is presented in detail in Peters, *et al.* (2011). Criteria for pure loss of stability, parametric roll, and surf riding and broaching were codified in February of this year in SDC 2-WP.4 Annexes 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

Direct assessment procedures for stability failure are intended to employ the most advanced technology available, yet be sufficiently practical so as to be uniformly applied, verified, validated, and approved using currently available infrastructure. Ship motions in waves, used for assessment on stability performance, can be reproduced by means of numerical simulations or model tests (SLF 55/3/11). The process of approval, which we will call accreditation will be the major focus of the remainder of this paper.

The structure of this paper will consist of a definition of Verification, Validation and Accreditation (VV&A), a description of the VV&A process, and accreditation criteria. The VV&A process will be subdivided into the process structure, documentation, specific intended uses,



and a description of Verification and Validation (V&V). The acceptance criteria will be split between quantitative and qualitative criteria, where quantitative is the more rigorous and thus more difficult.

2 DEFINITION OF VV&A

If decisions regarding the design and construction of ships, each costing hundreds of millions of dollars, if not a few billion dollars (in the case of naval vessels), are going to be made based on the stability predictions of a simulation tool, there must be a reasonable assurance that the tool provides acceptably accurate results. The process by which a tool may be determined to be sufficiently accurate is known as verification, validation and accreditation.

Quoting from a US Navy VV&A presentation, “Verification, Validation, and Accreditation are three interrelated but distinct processes that gather and evaluate evidence to determine, based on the simulation’s intended use, the simulation’s capabilities, limitations, and performance relative to the real-world objects it simulates.” Beck, *et al.* (1996), AIAA (1998), DoD (1998, 2003, 2007, 2012), McCue, *et al.* (2008), ASME (2009), and Reed (2009) provide different, although consistent, definitions of the three components of VV&A. The U.S. DoD definitions for these three terms are provided below, each followed by a practical commentary relevant to computational tools for predicting dynamic stability.

1. Verification—the process of determining that a model or simulation implementation accurately represents the developer’s conceptual description and specification, i.e., does the code accurately implement the theory that is proposed to model the problem at hand?

2. Validation—the process of determining the degree to which a model or simulation is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended uses of the model or simulation, i.e., does the theory and the code that implements the theory accurately model the relevant physical problem of interest?

3. Accreditation—the official determination that a model or simulation, . . . is acceptable for use for a specific purpose, i.e., is the theory and the code that implements it adequate for modeling the physics relevant to a specific platform? In other words, are the theory and code relevant to the type of vessel and failure mode for which it is being accredited?

2.1 Verification

Experience with attempting to verify ship-dynamics software has been that the documentation for many hydrodynamic codes, particularly the theoretical basis, is neither complete nor rigorous enough for the verification process to be separated from the validation process. Under these circumstances, when one finds that the computations do not adequately model the physical reality, one is left to ponder whether the code is not accurately modeling the intended physics or whether the intended physics are not adequate for the problem. In this case, the dilemma becomes: should one attempt to debug the code or should one abandon use of the code because its underlying physics model is not adequate? Attempting to resolve this dilemma can be expensive, in terms of both time and money.

Another issue related to verification of software is the actual quality of the code and the documentation of the code itself. Often the coding does not follow any consistent standard and there is often insufficient guidance to link the actual code back to its theoretical basis.

As for the actual verification of the code, this is best done by means of unit tests, where each module and block of modules is exercised against known or expected solutions. When properly constructed, these unit tests will not only test the module against normal execution, but also against unexpected or unanticipated inputs, to determine if the code handles error exceptions correctly via error traps or error returns. Many codes are not designed robustly enough so as to deal with anomalous inputs—they expect that the input will always be correct and that all modules output that is input to other modules provide correct input. Rationally, this is a rather



naïve assumption.

2.2 Validation

Validation commences with a series of Elemental Tests (or comparisons to model data), which provide insight into a simulation's ability to capture the overall physics of the ship motions in waves problem. Elemental tests consider such quantities as roll decays, calm water turning circles, calm water zig-zag maneuvers, turning circles in regular waves, and acceleration from rest in calm water. The results of the elemental tests provide evidence that the computational tool is capturing the physics of the problem of a ship maneuvering in waves. They also provide confidence that the quantitative comparison results obtained with available model data may be assumed characteristic of the code and applicable for similar conditions for which model data is not available.

It is reasonable to assume that if a predictive tool is capable of predicting responses in extreme seas, it should be capable of making reasonable predictions of motions in moderate seas. The motions problem in small and moderate seas can be characterized as the seakeeping problem. In the seakeeping problem, the ship's control system should have no difficulty in maintaining the ordered speed and heading—on the average the vessel will maintain a constant heading at a constant speed. These are the standard assumptions of seakeeping theory.

Thus, as a first order validation, the computational tool should be capable of reproducing the single significant amplitude motions that are measured during a model test in moderate seas, where we interpret the term motions in a most liberal way as motions, velocities and/or accelerations—this can also be considered an Elemental Test. This liberal interpretation is necessitated by the fact that, depending on how the experiment is run, it can be very difficult to measure linear (as opposed to rotational) displacements. The major challenge here is that experimental data is required, and the experimental data must be of sufficient duration in irregular seas to have sufficiently small confidence bands

for the comparisons to be meaningful (*cf.* ITTC, 2011, Sect. 5; 2014, Sect. 5). The Acceptance Criteria section to follow will discuss some possible statistical means of comparison.

In order to accommodate the validation of simulations for predicting motions in extreme seas and stability failures, situations must be examined that are not easily characterized using techniques that are routinely used for seakeeping validation. Nonlinear dynamics methods appear to show significant promise. There are two aspects of nonlinear dynamics that appear to apply to validation. The first is *nonlinear time-series analysis* and the second is *bifurcation analysis*, these methods are discussed in detail in Reed (2009), summarized here. A third issue is that of *the problem of rarity*, which is also briefly discussed below.

Nonlinear Time-Series Analysis—In nonlinear time-series analysis (*cf.* Kantz & Schreiber, 2004), the same time-series analysis is applied to motions measured on a physical model (or ship) and to simulations of the same vessel, in the same environment, as observed during the measurements. The results of the two sets of analysis are compared to each other, often graphically, to determine whether they have produced similar results.

McCue, *et al.* (2008) provides examples of nonlinear time-series analysis, applied as it might be for validation of simulations. Both qualitative and quantitative metrics that may apply were examined. Some qualitative measures include: reconstructed attractors, correlation integrals, recurrence plots, and Poincaré sampling; possible quantitative measures are: correlation dimension, Lyapunov exponent comparison, system entropy, and approximations to the equations of motion (EoM).

While nonlinear time-series analysis techniques can easily illustrate differences between measurements and predictions, there is still much to be investigated. The range of time-series analysis techniques, which may be applicable to dynamic-stability failure prediction certainly has not been exhausted. However, these comparisons are at best qualitative; quantitative



methods, particularly for physical understanding and for comparing experimental and computed results, are needed. Bifurcation analysis techniques may provide this necessary additional insight.

Bifurcation Analysis—There are at least four bifurcations that have been observed in ship dynamics which could be used to analyze whether or not a dynamic-stability code is producing the correct dynamic behavior: Fold bifurcation (Spyrou, 1997; Belenky & Sevastianov, 2007: Sect. 4.5.2 for roll, Sect. 6.5.6 for yaw; Francescutto, *et al.*, 1994), Flip bifurcation (Spyrou, 1997; Belenky & Sevastianov, 2007: Sect. 4.5.3 for roll, Sect. 6.5.6 for yaw), Hopf bifurcation (Spyrou, 1996; Belenky & Sevastianov, 2007: Sect. 6.5.2; Kan, 1990a,b), and Homoclinic bifurcation (Belenky & Sevastianov, 2007: Sect. 6.3.5). Bifurcation analysis (Spyrou, *et al.*, 2009) would appear to be appropriate for application to the lateral-plane aspects of dynamic stability.

The Problem of Rarity—Another issue for the VV&A of simulations for dynamic stability is the “problem of rarity,” where the time between events is long compared to the wave period (Belenky, *et al.*, 2008a,b). Large numbers of realizations may be required to observe dynamic stability failures, either in a simulation or experimentally.

Even if these events are observed, direct comparison between realizations is difficult due to the stochastic nature of the failure event. One method that may help to resolve this problem is the use of deterministic critical-wave groups. This would enable direct comparison of realizations, while also capturing the worst-case conditions of the stochastic environment necessary to assess the ship’s stability performance. Themelis & Spyrou (2007, 2008) demonstrated the production of deterministic critical-wave groups using simulation tools, and Clauss (2008) and others have done so experimentally.

2.3 Accreditation

Accreditation is the process by which a computational tool is certified as being sufficiently accurate and thus acceptable for use in a particular case for a particular vessel of class of vessels. In the IMO context, this would be a vessel of a particular size and proportions, which will have a particular mode of operation. In practice this would also be tied to a particular mode of stability failure, and would be defined as a particular Specific Intended Use (SIU).

As much of the rest of this paper will be focused on accreditation, accreditation will not be discussed further here except to state that accreditation can be thought of as validation with acceptance criteria. Depending on the druthers of the Flag Administration, accreditation may require more model data than validation, but this is a detail—albeit a potentially expensive one, that does not affect the process.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE VV&A PROCESS

The VV&A in the process leading to accreditation by a Flag Administration must be a formal process with structure that is prescribed. The process and structure that will be described is that employed by the US Navy (Navy, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005). However, some commentary will be provided as to how this process might be modified without compromising the integrity of the process.

3.1 Accreditation Responsibilities and Organizations

This structure includes the identification of an Accreditation Authority (AA) and the establishment of three panels: the Accreditation Review Panel (ARP), the Simulation Control Panel (SCP) and the Modeling and Simulation PropONENT (MSP). There are four documents that are produced during this formal process: an Accreditation Plan (AP), a Verification and Validation (V&V) Plan, a V&V Report, and an Accreditation Report. The first three of these are produced by the MSP under the guidance of the



SCP, and the latter is produced by the SCP. All of the VV&A efforts are centered about a statement or set of statements that define what the vessel is that will be assessed, its mode of operation and the stability failures that are considered critical for this type of vessel—these are the Specific Intended Uses. Finally, the process includes verification and validation of the modeling and simulation (M&S) tool.

The AA is the individual representing the Flag Administration who will actually accredit the modeling and simulation tool for use with a particular specific intended use (SIU). The ARP is the panel which recommends to the AA whether or not he should accredit the simulation tool. The group in the middle of this process is the SCP who guide the VV&A process, providing guidance to the MSP review the MSP products and prepare a report based on the resulting simulations for the ARP. The SCP is composed of the individuals who will actually perform most of the work, preparing plans, running the simulations, and preparing the V&V report.

The following material based on “Best Practices Guide for Verification, Validation, and Accreditation of Legacy Modeling and Simulation” (Navy, 2005), describes the role and responsibilities of the AA, ARP, SCP and MSP.

Accreditation Authority—The AA is the senior management level individual directly responsible to approve the use of an M&S capability for a particular application or set of applications. The AA will:

- a. Resource the VV&A effort
- b. Develop the accreditation process
- c. Establish the ARP, approve the chairman and its charter
- d. Designate models and/or simulations for VV&A
- e. Approve the M&S Accreditation Plan
- f. Accredite the models and/or simulations (Approve/Disapprove/Resolve ARP M&S accreditation recommendations and assessment reports)
- g. Maintain and disseminate gathered VV&A information

Accreditation Review Panel—The ARP is composed of AA representatives and Subject

Matter Experts (SMEs) as needed, and the ARP will include a Flag Administration representative(s). The Flag Administration will reconvene the ARP for each M&S milestone effort and should allow tailoring of approaches and participants to the specific models and simulations under consideration. The AA or his designated representative chairs the ARP. The ARP will:

- a. Develop M&S Accreditation Plans with MSP assistance
- b. Establish Simulation Control Panels (SCPs) (Report all resource requirements for VV&A activities to the AA prior to execution of tasking)
- c. Approve the V&V Assessment Report
- d. Review V&V information
- e. Prepare the Accreditation Recommendation Letters

The ARP Chair shall:

- a. Approve the SCP Charter, establish the SCP, designate the Chair, and approve SCP membership
- b. Coordinate development of the Accreditation Plan for the designated M&S
- c. Oversee SCP activities
- d. Approve the VV&A Assessment Report

Simulation Control Panel—The SCP(s) should consist of technical SMEs from the relevant Flag Administration and supporting organizations. The SCP is not a permanent body. An SCP will be chartered for each model or simulation designated for accreditation. The SCP chairman is designated by and reports directly to the ARP chairman. The SCP will:

- a. Provide guidelines for V&V Plan development to the MSP
- b. Approve the V&V Plan
- c. Guide the gathering of V&V information
- d. Provide guidelines for the V&V Report to the MSP
- e. Approve the V&V Report
- f. Prepare the Accreditation Report and deliver it to the ARP

M&S Proponent—An MSP is a developer, maintainer, modifier, or user of a model or simulation designated for VV&A. The MSP will:



- a. Provide a Point of Contact (POC) to the ARP Chairman
- b. Assist the ARP in drafting the M&S Accreditation Plan
- c. Develop a Configuration Management (CM) Plan for the M&S
- d. Develop a V&V Plan and deliver to the SCP
- e. Execute the V&V Plan upon approval by the SCP
- f. Develop the V&V Report and deliver to the SCP, along with supporting documentation
- g. Assist the SCP in determining model capabilities versus requirements
- h. Provide VV&A Status to the Flag Administration M&S

With the assistance of the MSP, the SCP will identify model test data that is appropriate for use in the VV&A process and also define the acceptance criteria that the MSP will use in its comparison of computed results to experimental results. There are two substantial challenges related to this, the first and potentially most expensive of these will be identifying sufficient data of acceptable quality for use in the validation effort. As identified in ITTC (2011, Sect. 5; 2014, Sect. 5), this is not something that can be done with a single run of a model in a single sea state. It is conceivable that 10's of runs will be required at each speed and heading in each relevant sea state. If sufficient data is not available, the confidence intervals for the results will be so large as to render the comparisons meaningless.

The second challenge is that of deciding what constitutes an acceptable comparison between experimental results and simulations. This is an area in which there is substantial experience and in which there is significant guidance—see the last section of this paper.

An issue that is often overlooked in the VV&A process is Configuration Management (CM). Because software is seldom static—it tends to change over time. If software changes after it has been accredited, there is no assurance that it is still capable of simulating what it was accredited for correctly. Thus, the necessity of a Configuration Management Plan; the development of a CM Plan is one of the MSP's

responsibilities. Although a CM Plan does not contribute directly to the VV&A of a M&S tool, its proper development and implementation assures that the M&S can and will remain accredited over time, quoting from Navy (1999) “A strong CM plan is one of the critical ingredients in ensuring the continued credibility of models and simulations.”

The process outlined above has three panels performing the work of the VV&A. This is intended to isolate the panel recommending whether or not the simulation tool should be accredited or not, the ARP, from the individuals performing the computations, the MSP. If it is not felt that this level of isolation is required, then the process can be simplified by eliminating the SCP. The functions of the SCP would need to be distributed between the ARP and the MSP. As it is unlikely that the AA will have the expertise to make an informed judgment as to the adequacy of an M&S tool, there will need to be an independent panel of subject matter experts between the AA and the MSP, who can advise and make recommendations to the AA. By definition the MSP is not composed of independent individuals, they are experts on the M&S tool being evaluated.

3.2 Formal Accreditation Process

It should be noted that the Flag Administration formal accreditation process for M&S VV&A includes three phases: *designation*, *execution*, and *accreditation*. Preceding these three phases is a *designation process*. The *designation process* and *designation phase* are separate activities. The designation process is that process that leads to the selection and formal designation of M&S for accreditation. The designation phase is the initial activity that takes place after the selected model or simulation has been identified for accreditation.

Designation Process

The purpose of M&S VV&A designation is for the user and the owner/developer to agree that the model or simulation selected is capable of satisfying the specified need and that



there are sufficient resources to complete accreditation. Each Flag Administration will have specific variations on designating M&S—these guidelines are intended to provide a basic understanding. An external organization, such as a classification society or consulting group, identifies the need to accredit a model or simulation and requests accreditation from the Flag Administration.

The Flag Administration should ensure that an “M&S Accreditation Designation Request Form” be completed and submitted to that Flag Administration. This form will provide the information that is necessary to process the designation request.

Figure 1 provides a process flow diagram for the formal accreditation process, showing the designation, execution, and accreditation phases and their interactions with the Accreditation Authority, Accreditation Review Panel, Simulation Control Panel, and the Modeling and Simulations Proponent. A description of the phases follows.

Designation Phase

During the designation phase, the AA establishes the ARP. The ARP establishes the SCP and documents information from the preceding designation process in an Accreditation Plan. This document will consist of a description of the M&S, an overview of its intended use, M&S requirements and acceptability criteria, the V&V techniques to be used, and the AA’s Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) for the accreditation effort.

The designation phase is completed when the Accreditation Plan receives AA approval.

Execution Phase

The execution phase of the V&V process begins with the development of the V&V Plan. The plan should contain the specific qualitative and/or quantitative testing requirements to satisfy the acceptance criteria of the accreditation plan. The SCP provides V&V Plan guidelines to the MSP. These guidelines should consist of an outline, schedule for the execution phase,

and clarification of any questions regarding the accreditation plan requirements. V&V Plans may vary greatly based upon previous V&V efforts, the complexity of simulation functionality, length of usage, scope of intended use, and M&S application requirements.

Once the V&V Plan is approved by the SCP, the MSP is tasked with executing that plan. According to the length and complexity of the required V&V, the SCP may have one or more In-Progress Reviews to ensure that the schedule and product development is progressing according to schedule. Prior to completion of V&V testing, the SCP should provide the MSP with guidance for the V&V Report. This guidance should include an outline, inputs on desired formats of information, and distribution formats. When all required V&V efforts and documentation are complete, the MSP provides a final V&V Report to the SCP for evaluation and approval.

The V&V Report should summarize all V&V efforts in accordance with the requirements set forth in the V&V Plan. The SCP can decide to approve the V&V Report with or without modification. As the V&V Report is a critical document in the accreditation process, modification to the report might be necessary to clarify V&V results or to correct deficiencies. Once the V&V Report is approved, the SCP must prepare an Accreditation Report.

The Accreditation Report summarizes the overall V&V execution, provides an assessment of the demonstrated functionality’s support of the specific intended use, and makes a recommendation to the ARP for action on the results. This recommendation could be any one of the following:

- a. the model or simulation can be used as is for the specific intended use
- b. The model or simulation can be used for the specific intended use with recommended modifications
- c. The model or simulation requires additional V&V to be considered suitable for accreditation
- d. The model or simulation should not be used

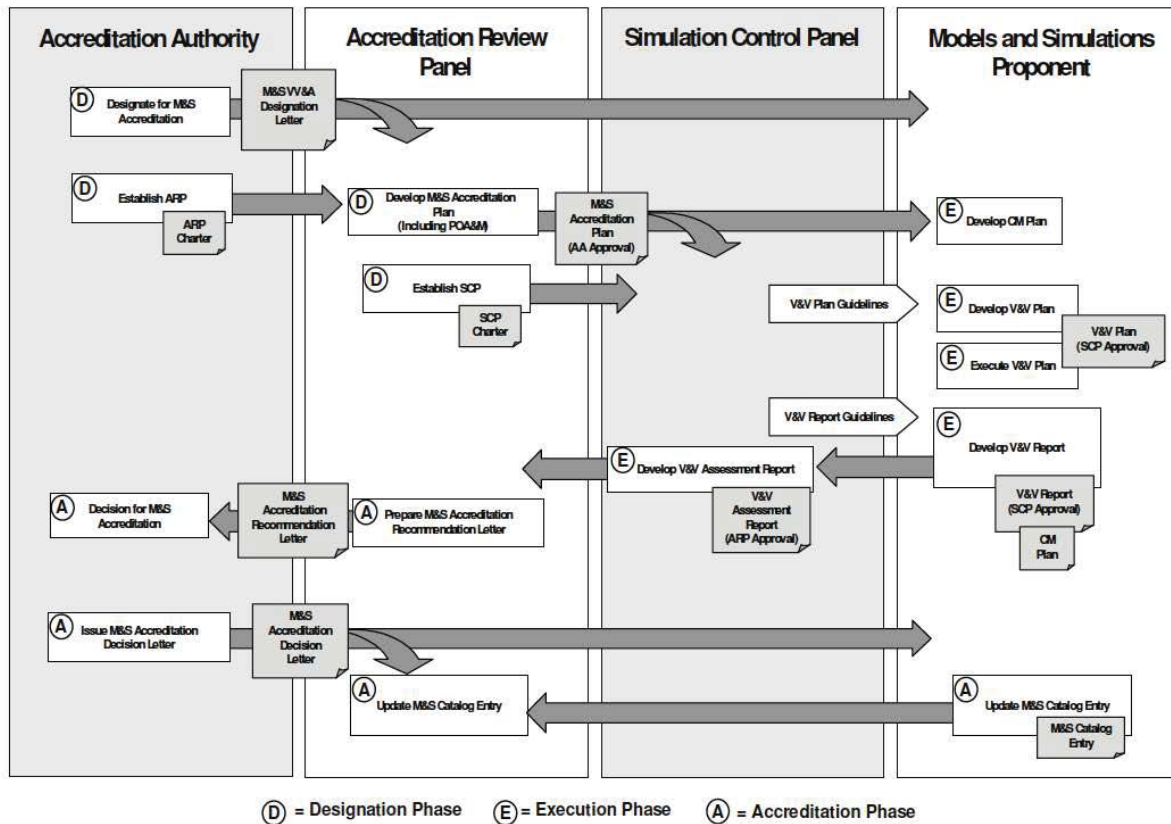


Fig. 1 M&S VV&A Process (Navy, 2005)

for the specific intended use

A major challenge of the VV&A process for a dynamic stability code is that of determining acceptable V&V techniques. The DoD VV&A Recommended Practices Guide provides information and guidance on many V&V techniques and statistical methods. However, they do not seem to be tailored to dealing with the predictions from stochastic processes. Thus the section on Acceptance Criteria that follows.

Accreditation Phase

Upon completion of the Accreditation Report, the ARP evaluates the report for consistency, correctness, and completeness. Once the ARP is satisfied that the V&V information provided meets the stated accreditation requirements, the ARP prepares an M&S Accreditation Recommendation Letter.

This recommendation provides all the M&S information required to support accreditation, such as version and intended use. The

AA can approve the recommendation, deny the recommendation, or request additional information. Upon approval by the AA, an M&S Accreditation Decision Letter is sent to the MSP and the ARP. The SCP is dissolved at this time. If the recommendation is denied or if additional information is required, the AA should provide written notification to the ARP and MSP. The SCP may be retained if the ARP decides that further V&V is required for accreditation.

The accreditation remains in effect as long as the intended use or limitations/assumptions of the model or simulation do not change, or until revoked by the AA. If the functionality or the intended use of the model or simulation defined in the M&S Accreditation Decision Letter change, the AA must submit the model or simulation for re-accreditation.

Governing Principles of Accreditation

One governing principal of the accreditation process is to leverage from other VV&A



effort of the Flag Administration (and other Flag Administrations) to the greatest degree possible. Therefore the group seeking accreditation should strive to capture and use other VV&A efforts performed by the Flag Administration. The group seeking accreditation at a minimum should request information about existing VV&A from the applicable Flag Administration(s) and should invite representatives from the Flag Administration to participate in the ARP and/or SCP of the new accreditation effort.

Another governing principle of this process is to place authority in M&S matters consistent with the accountability for the proper use of M&S. M&S is accredited for a specific purpose or a specific use. This specific use or specific purpose drive M&S requirements, which have to be demonstrated by proper V&V techniques before the M&S can be accredited. M&S requirements should be levied on the MSP by the Accreditation Authority. M&S requirements should be imposed on the Flag Administration by IMO.

3.3 Documentation

There are four core documents that are produced during the VV&A process. They are the Accreditation Plan, the V&V Plan, the V&V Report and the Accreditation Report. These documents are produced over time, used at different times by different groups. Thus they must all be complete and independent. As much of the information included in each document is common, it should be shared for consistency and efficiency.

The following material describes the four core reports, it is based on information extracted from: Department of Defense Standard Practice: Documentation of Verification, Validation, and Accreditation (VV&A) for Models and Simulations (DoD, 2012).

The *Accreditation Plan* focuses on: defining the criteria to be used during the accreditation assessment; defining the methodology to conduct the accreditation assessment; defining the resources needed to perform the accredita-

tion assessment; and identifying issues associated with performing the accreditation assessment.

The *V&V Plan* focuses on defining the methodology for scoping the V&V effort to the application and the acceptability criteria; defining the V&V tasks that will produce information to support the accreditation assessment; defining the resources needed to perform the V&V; and identifying issues associated with performing the V&V.

The *V&V Report* focuses on documenting the results of the V&V tasks; documenting M&S assumptions, capabilities, limitations, risks, and impacts; identifying unresolved issues associated with V&V implementation; and documenting lessons learned during V&V.

The *Accreditation Report* focuses on documenting the results of the accreditation assessment; documenting the recommendations in support of the accreditation decision; and documenting lessons learned during accreditation.

Table 1, from DoD (2012), shows the outlines of the four core VV&A documents. The appendices of DoD (2012) provide detailed templates for these four documents.

3.4 Specific Intended Uses

SIUs are the statements that define the scope of the problem or simulation that is to be modeled, and for which the M&S will be accredited. In the context of direct assessment under second-generation intact stability, this will need to include a definition of the vessel for which the M&S tool is to be accredited—accreditation for small fishing vessels may well not apply to a RO/PAX vessel; as well as the mode of stability failure that is anticipated to be an issue. There can, and in fact would likely be multiple SIUs for the same VV&A activity.

The SIUs are used to determine what needs to be characterized and analyzed from the perspective of the V&V process. This is accomplished by the development of a *Requirements Flow-Down Table*. In the Requirements Flow-Down Table, each SIU is decomposed in to several high level requirements (HLRs),



Table 1 Outlines of four core VV&A documents, report sections in *italic* text are common and shared across all four documents. (DoD, 2012)

Accreditation Plan	V&V Plan	V&V Report	Accreditation Report
Executive Summary	Executive Summary	Executive Summary	Executive Summary
1 <i>Problem Statement</i>	1 <i>Problem Statement</i>	1 <i>Problem Statement</i>	1 <i>Problem Statement</i>
2 <i>M&S Requirements and Acceptability Criteria</i>	2 <i>M&S Requirements and Acceptability Criteria</i>	2 <i>M&S Requirements and Acceptability Criteria</i>	2 <i>M&S Requirements and Acceptability Criteria</i>
3 <i>M&S Assumptions, Capabilities, Limitations & Risks/Impacts</i>	3 <i>M&S Assumptions, Capabilities, Limitations & Risks/Impacts</i>	3 <i>M&S Assumptions, Capabilities, Limitations & Risks/Impacts</i>	3 <i>M&S Assumptions, Capabilities, Limitations & Risks/Impacts</i>
4 Accreditation Methodology	4 V&V Methodology	4 V&V Task Analysis	4 Accreditation Assessment
5 Accreditation Issues	5 V&V Issues	5 V&V Recommendations	5 Accreditation Recommendations
6 <i>Key Participants</i>	6 <i>Key Participants</i>	6 <i>Key Participants</i>	6 <i>Key Participants</i>
7 Planned Accreditation Resources	7 Planned V&V Resources	7 Actual V&V Resources Expended	7 Actual Accreditation Resources Expended
		8 V&V Lessons Learned	8 Accreditation Lessons Learned
Suggested Appendices A <i>M&S Description</i> B <i>M&S Requirements Traceability Matrix</i> C <i>Basis of Comparison</i> D <i>References</i> E <i>Acronyms</i> F <i>Glossary</i> G Accreditation Programmatic H Distribution List	Suggested Appendices A <i>M&S Description</i> B <i>M&S Requirements Traceability Matrix</i> C <i>Basis of Comparison</i> D <i>References</i> E <i>Acronyms</i> F <i>Glossary</i> G V&V Programmatic H Distribution List I Accreditation Plan	Suggested Appendices A <i>M&S Description</i> B <i>M&S Requirements Traceability Matrix</i> C <i>Basis of Comparison</i> D <i>References</i> E <i>Acronyms</i> F <i>Glossary</i> G V&V Programmatic H Distribution List I V&V Plan J Test Information	Suggested Appendices A <i>M&S Description</i> B <i>M&S Requirements Traceability Matrix</i> C <i>Basis of Comparison</i> D <i>References</i> E <i>Acronyms</i> F <i>Glossary</i> G Accreditation Programmatic H Distribution List I Accreditation Plan J V&V Report

which characterize important aspects of the SIU. The HLRs are each further mapped into several detailed-functional requirements (DFRs). A comparison metric and acceptance criteria are then identified for each DFR.

The SUIs are used to determine what needs to be characterized and analyzed from the perspective of the V&V process. This is accomplished by the development of a Requirements Flow-Down Table. In the Requirements Flow-Down Table, each SIU is decomposed in to several high level requirements (HLRs), which characterize important aspects of the SIU. The HLRs are each further mapped into several detailed-functional requirements (DFRs). A

comparison metric and an acceptance criterion are identified for each DFR. Additional clarification is provided by the definition of the comparison metrics and their associated acceptance criteria. High-level requirements reflect the technical specifications provided by SME-opinion. Detailed-functional requirements provide additional specifications as necessary to more fully-describe each HLR. Requirements Flow-Down Tables are useful tools in high-level assessment of the appropriateness of the proposed accreditation criteria as well as required components of the Accreditation Plan (DoD, 2012).

To clarify this, an example of an SIU and its accompanying Requirements Flow-Down Table,



Table 2, are provided. The prototype SIU is:

“The XYZ simulation tool will be used to generate operator guidance polar plots for all applicable speeds and headings against pure loss of stability for RO/PAX vessels in the 11,000–13,000 t displacement range, lengths of 130–150 m, and with beam-to-draft ratios of 4.5 to 5.5. These polar plots will enable the vessel operators to avoid situations where pure loss of stability could be an intact stability issue. The information used to generate the operator guidance polar plots will be developed using numerical data generated by the XYZ simulation tool.”

4 VALIDATION APPROACH AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Following are proposed validation acceptance criteria, which could be applied when seeking accreditation for a numerical simulation tool to be used for direct assessment of stability failure. Two types of accreditation are examined: *Quantitative Accreditation* and *Qualitative Accreditation*. *Quantitative Accreditation* is achieved only if the simulation tool successfully passes all elemental tests and quantitative validation criteria. *Qualitative Accreditation* results from quantified measures of simulation tool accuracy being assessed as “good enough” and is only achieved if the tool passes all elemental tests. For the purpose of this discussion, we treat each type of accreditation as a separate SIU.

The code accreditation is based on comparison to non-rare and rare model-scale data representative of the conditions the vessel would be expected to operate in. It is generally considered that model-scale data captures the relevant physics and scale effects can be accounted for through accepted scaling laws. Utilizing data from multiple scales of models will help to demonstrate the validity of this assumption. Correlation with full-scale trials data will occur prior to certification of the Quantitative Accreditation. Model-scale motion data are collected for a set speed, relative wave heading, and seaway using a model that matches the geometry and anticipated mass properties of the full-scale ship.

Validation is accomplished by comparing statistical properties calculated from model test and simulation data sets for a given speed-heading-seaway combination; these properties are known as condition statistics. Methods for calculating a desired condition statistic from the available data vary depending on the lengths of the motion time histories.

In the case of scale-model test data, run lengths are limited by the size of experimental facilities and statistical properties are calculated from a series of repeated shorter runs. Multiple runs are collected for each speed-heading-seaway combination to form an ensemble of data. The ensemble of data provides enough exposure time (data samples) to accurately represent the statistics of the ship motion at the given speed-heading-seaway combination. Multiple simulation realizations are made at the model-scale test conditions to generate an ensemble of simulation data with the same number of runs and exposure time as the model test.

Non-rare motions will be compared using the motion standard deviation and its uncertainty interval. Rare motions will be compared using the 90th percentile of peak amplitudes and its uncertainty interval. Rather than compare statistically-extrapolated motions for rare motion comparison, the proposed acceptance criteria utilize the most rare motion characteristics of the available model test data which are considered repeatable and not subject to significant variation due to sampling.



Table 2 Example Requirements Flow-Down Table.

High Level Requirements	Detailed Functional Requirement	Comparison Metric	Acceptance Criteria
HLR 1.a Simulation must demonstrate good correlation to model data for ship responses to elemental tests to suggest that underlying physics are sound.	DFR 1.a.1 Simulation must demonstrate the ability to successfully predict critical motion values in a large number of Quantitative Accreditation conditions for which model test data is available for comparison.	CM 1.a.1 Check-list of quantifiable metrics defining “reasonable” correlation for elemental tests used to inform SME opinion	AC 1.a ARP will vote using SME opinion informed by elemental test comparisons whether to assess subsequent acceptance criteria.
	DFR 1.a.2 Collective SME judgment shall ultimately decide whether or not this requirement is met (regardless of the code’s ability to meet the suggested quantifiable metrics).	CM 1.a.2 SME opinion/judgment	
HLR 1.b The simulation and model-scale data must show consistently good correlation ranging from the more simple conditions to the more complex conditions. Good correlation must be demonstrated for the range of operational, environmental, and loading conditions defined in the Quantitative Accreditation scope for which comparison model data are available.	DFR 1.b.1 Parameters which characterize the ship’s operating condition relative to the seaway, and identify the corresponding critical motion, must be assessed.	CM 1.b.1 Mean values, μ , of achieved speed and heading	AC 1.b.1 Differences between mean achieved speed and mean achieved heading for each validation condition must be less than specified amounts. AC 1.b.2 The 90% confidence intervals on each parameter value (and A90%) for a given motion and condition must overlap in order to suggest that the underlying populations (model and simulation) may be the same.
	DFR 1.b.2 All comparisons must take into account all known sources of uncertainty (sampling, instrument, condition, etc.).	CM 1.b.2 90% uncertainty intervals on the each parameter (model and simulation)	
	DFR 1.b.3 Parameters that are used to define Quantitative Accreditation polar plots risk values and lifetime risk calculation must be assessed. If direct validation of these quantities is not achievable, a sufficient substitute quantity shall instead be assessed. (rare motion metrics)	CM 1.b.3 The 90th percentile of peak amplitudes, A90%, of motions (in lieu of exceedance rates of physical limit thresholds which are not expected to be available for validation)	
	DFR 1.b.4 Parameters that are used to evaluate the Quantitative Accreditation system health must be assessed. (non-rare motion metrics)	CM 1.b.4 Mean standard deviation, σ , of motions	



Table 2 (Cont'd) Example Requirements Flow-Down Table.

High Level Requirements	Detailed Functional Requirement	Comparison Metric	Acceptance Criteria
HLR 1.c Necessary accuracy of the simulation shall be influenced by an appropriate balance between technical excellence and judiciousness	DFR 1.c Thoughtful engineering judgment shall be applied in the determination of permissible differences between simulation and model test results.	CM 1.c Margin applied to observed sample parameter values (defined in CM 1.b.2 and CM 1.b.3)	AC 1.c The observed values of compared sampled parameters may be deemed acceptable if the difference between the values is less than a specified amount. (margin)
HLR 1.d The safety of the ship and sailor must be prioritized and reflected in the criteria established for validation.	DFR 1.d.1 Reasonable conservatism on the part of the simulation solution should be endorsed to promote the overall safety of the sailor.	CM 1.d.1 Margin applied to observed sample parameter values (defined in CM 1.b.2 and CM 1.b.3)	AC 1.d.1 The margin allowed by AC 1.c shall be increased by 50% in the case of over-prediction on the part of the simulation to allow for additional conservatism on the part of the simulation. (additional conservative margin)
	DFR 1.d.2 Determination of simulation tool success must only be reached using reasonably high-fidelity validation data sets.	CM 1.d.2 Combined uncertainty in the comparison, calculated as a function of the 90% uncertainty intervals (CM 1.b.2) on both data sets, model and simulation	AC 1.d.2 Successful validation comparisons for both rare and non-rare motions (and A90%) may only be accepted if the combined uncertainty in both data sets is sufficiently small.
HLR 1.e Simulation must be deemed usable for conditions within the current scope of the Quantitative Accreditation for which comparison model test data is not available.	DFR 1.e.1 Simulation must demonstrate the ability to successfully produce critical motion values in a large number of Quantitative Accreditation conditions for which model test data is available for comparison.	CM 1.e.1 Number of conditions which successfully pass the following criteria: AC.1.b.1 through AC 1.d.	AC 1.e 70% of Quantitative Accreditation conditions for which model data are available for comparison must pass criteria (AC 1.a through AC 1.d) for 100% of critical motion parameter values. (rare and non-rare motion assessments calculated independently)



4.1 Elemental Tests

Elemental tests (or comparisons to model data) provide insight into the code's ability to capture the overall physics of the ship motion problem. They also provide confidence that the quantitative comparison results obtained with available model data may be assumed characteristic of the code and applicable for similar conditions for which model data is not available. The results of the elemental tests provide evidence to the ARP to inform their final decision making. Subject matter experts on the SCP will provide the ARP with general guidelines about the comparisons; this guidance will include both qualitative and quantitative characteristics of good correlation.

The code will simulate the following elemental tests in support of validation:

- Roll decays
- Zig-zag maneuvers
- Calm water turning circles
- Turning circles in regular waves
- Acceleration from rest tests
- Generation of response amplitude operators (RAO) for comparison with model data (if available)
- Integrity values

Standard maneuvering and seakeeping analyses of the time histories will be performed on the code and model data time histories in order to provide comparison quantities for SCP guidance. Integrity values will be plotted on polar and surface plots to investigate the code's ability to capture the ship's capsize boundary. An integrity value is a ratio between the number of runs which did not include a dynamic stability event divided by the total number of runs examined. This metric allows for comparisons between model test and simulation in which the ship response is highly sensitive to initial conditions. Since the initial conditions under which each model test was performed cannot be known precisely, a range of simulations is performed in an attempt to cover the range of possibilities.

This elemental test is included on the list above to specifically address the known dynamic stability concerns associated with a ship operating in stern quartering seas. Characterization

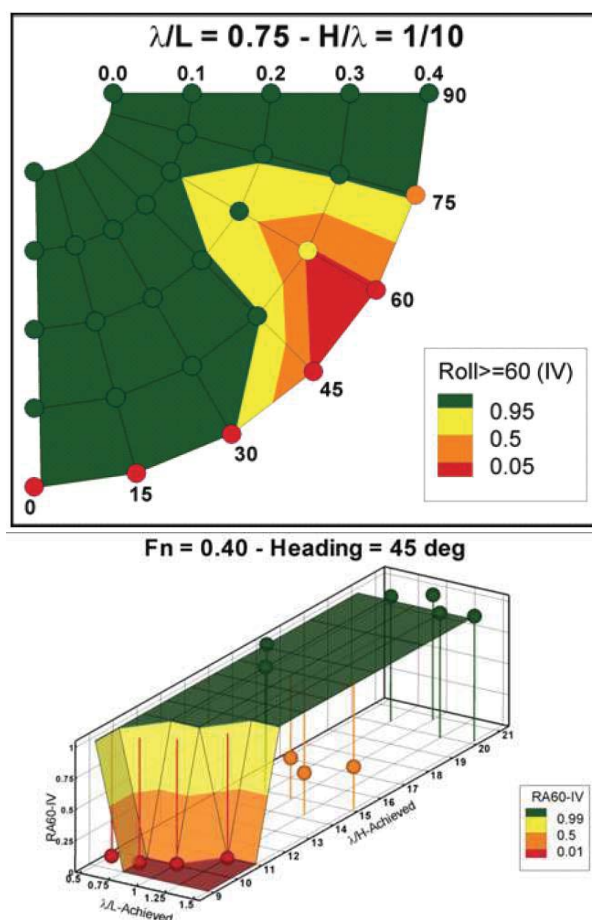


Fig. 2 Notional Integrity Value Polar Plot (top) and Surface Plot (bottom)

of the ship's response in these conditions from irregular seas model data is challenging, so integrity value plots (using regular waves model test results) provide the necessary additional insight into the code's ability to capture this aspect of the physics. Figure 2 shows an example of integrity value surface and polar plots.

4.2 Quantitative Validation

Beyond successful demonstration that the general ship motion physics are captured by the code, it will be assessed for its suitability for each of the specific intended uses. These assessments are quantitative in nature, although ARP opinion will ultimately be included in all final accreditation recommendations. Following are recommended quantitative acceptance criteria for Quantitative Accreditation and Qualitative Accreditation.



Definitions

The acceptance criteria described in this section for Quantitative Accreditation utilize statistical quantities and their uncertainty intervals calculated for a single motion and condition (speed, heading, wave height, wave period); these quantities are referred to as condition statistics.

Scale-model tests are characterized by multiple repeated runs of short run lengths. For each comparison to model data, an equivalent number of runs and run durations will be performed by the code. The condition statistics will be calculated from the model data time histories and the code time histories in the same manner. The condition statistic varies by SIU and rare or non-rare motion. The statistical quantities examined are: condition standard deviation (non-rare motion), condition 90th percentile amplitude (rare motions), and condition mean.

Mean values of speed and heading are used to compare the results of achieved speed and heading in a seaway. Standard deviation values are used to compare non-rare motion responses. 90th percentile of peaks values are used to compare rare motion ship responses. Direct assessment of very rare ship motions is typically prohibited by the limitations of available model test data, and this condition statistic was selected as the peak amplitude threshold for comparison because analysis has suggested that it is the highest motion magnitude (most rare quantity) that is statistically stable for typical model data sets. Higher percentiles of the peaks showed great variation in repeated simulations, suggesting that statistical sampling combined with the non-linear system led to instability in the values above the 90th percentile provides the analysis used to determine this threshold. Figure 3 illustrates relationship between peak distributions and percentiles of peaks for two data sets.

Uncertainty associated with the value of the condition statistic (mean, standard deviation, or percentile) is captured by intervals applied about the condition statistic. The size of these intervals is influenced by sampling statistics, instrumentation uncertainties, and variations in the condi-

tions under which the model was tested.

Uncertainty due to statistical sampling is captured by a confidence interval. The confidence interval is a conventional mathematical quantity which NIST (2014) defines as a range of values which is likely to contain the population parameter of interest. Its purpose is to account for the possible difference between a discrete value derived from limited population samples from the underlying population value. The level of confidence associated with the interval defines its length and corresponds to the probability that the sampled value and intervals encompass the true population value. When defined relative to a mean value and assuming a large sample size, the confidence interval is defined as

$$CI_{\mu} = z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

where σ is the sample standard deviation, N is the number of samples, α is the desired significance level (corresponds to confidence level), and z is the two-tailed Gaussian distribution factor with significance level, α . The upper and lower bounds of the confidence intervals applied to the sample mean are defined as

$$\mu_{\text{sample}} \pm CI_{\mu}$$

where μ_{sample} is the sample mean. Belenky, *et al.* (2013) provides an extension of this theory to calculate the confidence interval on the ensemble mean standard deviation value from a set of time histories of ship motions for one parameter and one condition. Calculation of the confidence interval for a quantile or percentile is a standard statistical process, which utilizes the binominal distribution.

It should be noted that the terms “confidence” and “uncertainty” are often used interchangeably. This document uses the term uncertainty to include all sources of uncertainty. The confidence level is 90-percent for comparisons involving confidence intervals. Figure 4 shows the relationship between the condition statistic value, intervals and uncertainty limits used in motion comparisons.

The difference between condition statistics

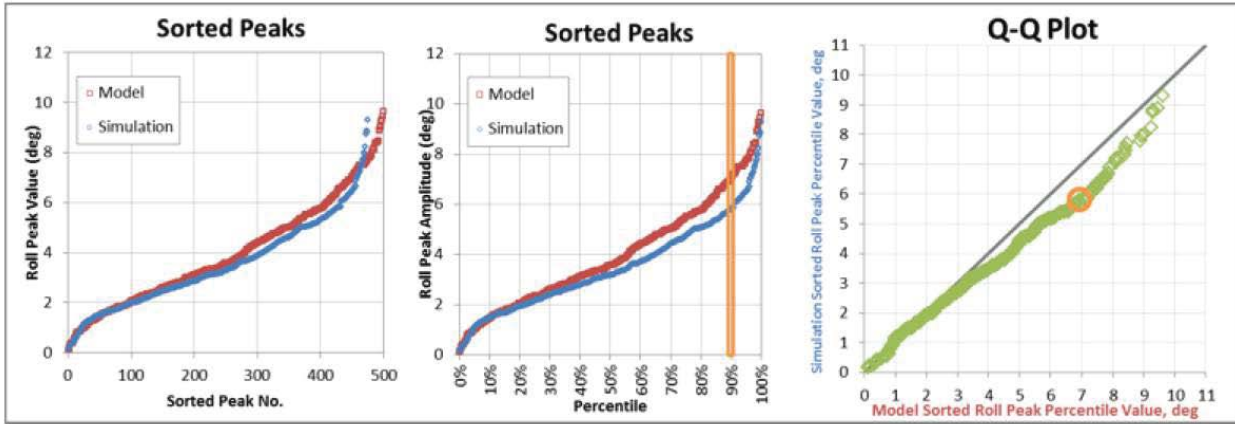


Fig. 3 Sorted Peak Amplitudes for Two Data Sets [by number (left), by percentile (center), percentiles plotted against one another (right)]

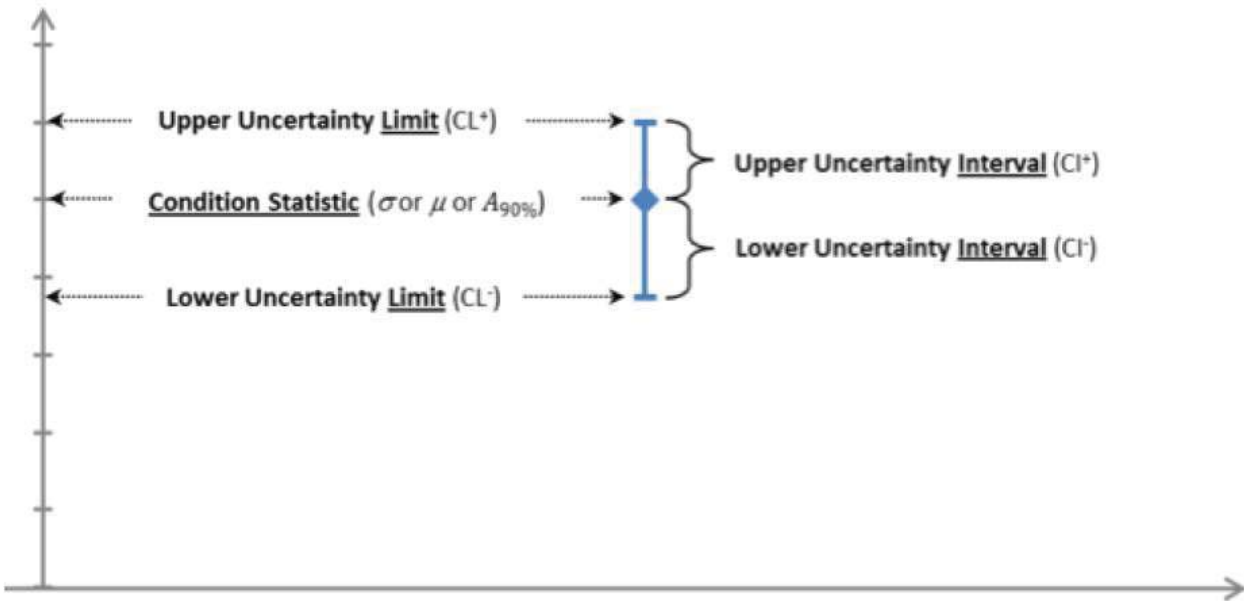


Fig. 4 Metric Nomenclature (condition statistic, interval, and limit)

is the primary metric used for quantitative validation and is defined as the model test value subtracted from the simulation value. A positive value is associated with simulation over-prediction, and a negative value denotes simulation under-prediction. This concept is certainly not new to the field of validation, but its use is often associated with largely deterministic processes. The use of the difference between data sets as a foundation for validation acceptance criteria is consistent with industry practice. (cf. Oberkampf & Barone, 2006; AIAA, 1998; ASME, 2009; Eça & Hoekstra, 2012).

Both Oberkampf & Barone (2006) and ASME (2009) refer to this quantity as the error between model and experimental results, noting that the experimental results are only an estimated measure of the “true” parameter value.

The confidence interval on the difference between condition statistic values of a model and simulation result can be formulated as a function of the confidence intervals on each set. The confidence interval on the difference between mean values is defined as

$$CI_{\Delta\mu} = z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{N_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{N_2}} \quad (1)$$

where the subscripts 1 and 2 distinguish between data sets.

Additional sources of uncertainty may be applicable to the sample value, including uncertainty due to instrumentation limitations and uncertainty due to variability of the conditions under which the data was generated. Combined uncertainty intervals constructed from multiple sources of uncertainty are typically the root sum of squared intervals calculated separately for each source. While confidence intervals (based only on sampling characteristics) are symmetric, combined uncertainty intervals may be asymmetric.

To compare two data sets with equal number of samples (i.e. $N_1 = N_2$) and symmetric confidence intervals, (1) can be rearranged and described in terms of the confidence intervals associated with each data set value as

$$CI_{\Delta\mu} = z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{CI_{\mu,1}}{z_{1-\alpha*/2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{CI_{\mu,2}}{z_{1-\alpha*/2}}\right)^2} \quad (2)$$

where α^* refers to the level of significance associated with the sample intervals and α refers to the level of significance associated with the uncertainty in the difference.

Equation (2) lends itself to a definition of the combined uncertainty (e.g. statistical, instrument, etc.) in the difference between samples which is agnostic to the methods used to define the combined uncertainty intervals associated with each data set, assuming the uncertainties of each set are Gaussian distributed. Further, (2) can be adapted to account for asymmetric intervals by distinguishing between the upper and lower intervals associated with each set.

For validation purposes, consider the definition of the difference (simulation minus benchmark) to compare two ensemble mean standard deviation quantities. Given combined uncertainty intervals associated with each data set of significance level α^* , the upper and lower combined uncertainty intervals on the difference

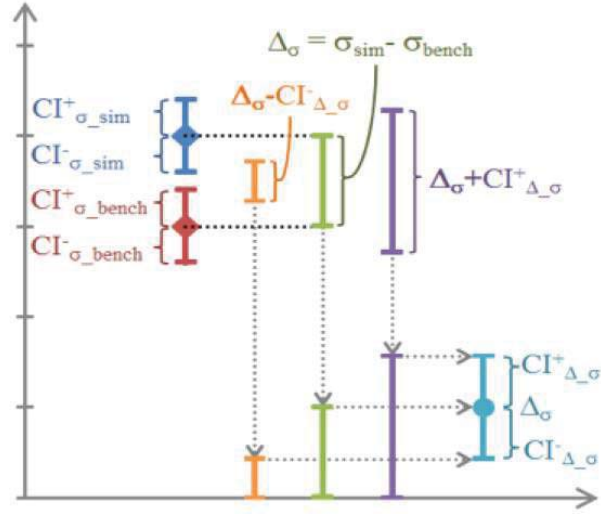


Fig. 5 Uncertainty Intervals On Two Data Sets and On the Difference Between Data Sets

can be calculated as

$$CI_{\Delta} = z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{CI_{\text{bench}}^-}{z_{1-\alpha*/2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{CI_{\text{sim}}^+}{z_{1-\alpha*/2}}\right)^2}$$

and

$$CI_{\Delta} = z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{CI_{\text{bench}}^+}{z_{1-\alpha*/2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{CI_{\text{sim}}^-}{z_{1-\alpha*/2}}\right)^2}$$

where the subscripts “bench” and “sim” refer to the benchmark (or model test) and simulation data sets, respectively. Figure 5 illustrates the relationships between the uncertainty intervals on both data sets and the uncertainty interval on the difference. The formulation of the confidence interval on the difference based on the confidence intervals on both samples is applicable to comparisons of mean, standard deviation, and amplitude percentile quantities.

The combined uncertainty intervals surrounding a difference between simulation and benchmark statistics enclose the region within which the “true” difference between populations is found. The level of confidence associated with interval calculations corresponds to the probability that the true difference is within the interval limit. For a 90-percent level of confidence, there is a 90-percent probability that the difference between the simulation and benchmark re-



sults is between the lower and the upper interval extents.

Positive values denote a simulation value which is greater than the benchmark (over-prediction) while negative values denote under-prediction. A zero-crossing of an interval denotes the possibility that there is no difference between the underlying. It should be noted, however, that the confidence level associated with the interval does not equal the probability that the difference is zero. In fact, there is equal likelihood that the true difference falls anywhere else within the interval extents.

As noted above, when the uncertainty interval on the difference crosses zero, there may be no difference between the two populations. A zero-crossing of difference intervals is most analogous to an overlap of uncertainty intervals associated with two data sets. Note, however, that zero-crossing is a more “strict” measure of similitude than interval overlap. For the same level of significance, it is mathematically possible for the intervals to slightly overlap without the corresponding interval on the difference crossing through zero.

A particularly useful attribute of the difference between statistics is its ability to convey information about the simulation’s accuracy for a given parameter across a range of conditions. This utility forms the foundation of acceptance criteria for quantitative validation.

4.3 Quantitative Accreditation (Acceptance Criteria)

The Quantitative Accreditation acceptance criteria are a tiered series of *channel*, *condition*, and *code* criteria. An evaluation of each critical motion is made to assess a speed-heading-seaway condition. The *channel criteria* are applied to the statistical properties calculated from model test and simulation time histories. The *condition criteria* are applied to the results of the *channel criteria* for each unique environmental and operational condition combination within the validation data domain space. Finally, the *code criteria* are applied to the results from the *condition criteria* to determine the final accred-

itation outcomes. The code acceptance is based on passing over 70-percent of the conditions.

Figures 6 and 7 provide an overview of acceptance criteria for Quantitative Accreditation of non-rare motions and rare motions, respectively.

Channel Criteria

Condition statistics (standard deviation and 90th percentile values) calculated from model and simulation time histories are used (with their associated uncertainty intervals) to assess the code’s ability to provide the required non-rare and rare motion ship response. The motions listed in Figures 6 and 7 are considered “critical channels” for assessment of intact stability-related motions. Channel criteria are defined relative to a physical limit value for each motion. Physical limit definitions may be tailored to address ship-specific hull and machinery requirements. Yaw and yaw rate physical limits are defined relative to the definition of a broach.

Condition statistics and uncertainty intervals for both model and simulation data sets are calculated for a single motion and condition from the respective sets of time histories of the motion. The difference between condition statistics (including uncertainty) is then calculating from the results of both data sets

Ordered values of ship speed and heading identify the ship’s operational environment for each condition. The average (mean) achieved values of speed and heading resulting from the ordered values and the ship’s response to the seaway influence the ship’s motions response. Condition mean values are determined from time histories of both simulation and model tests and are represented by the variable, μ .

The channel criteria are applied to the critical motions as four tests (referred to as Four Box criteria) which result in a “pass,” “fail,” or “null” conclusion. Figure 8 illustrates the relationship between the Four Box criteria and the determination of the motion comparison for both non-rare and rare channel criteria. Figure 9 shows an example (roll standard deviation) of the relationship between condition statistic difference

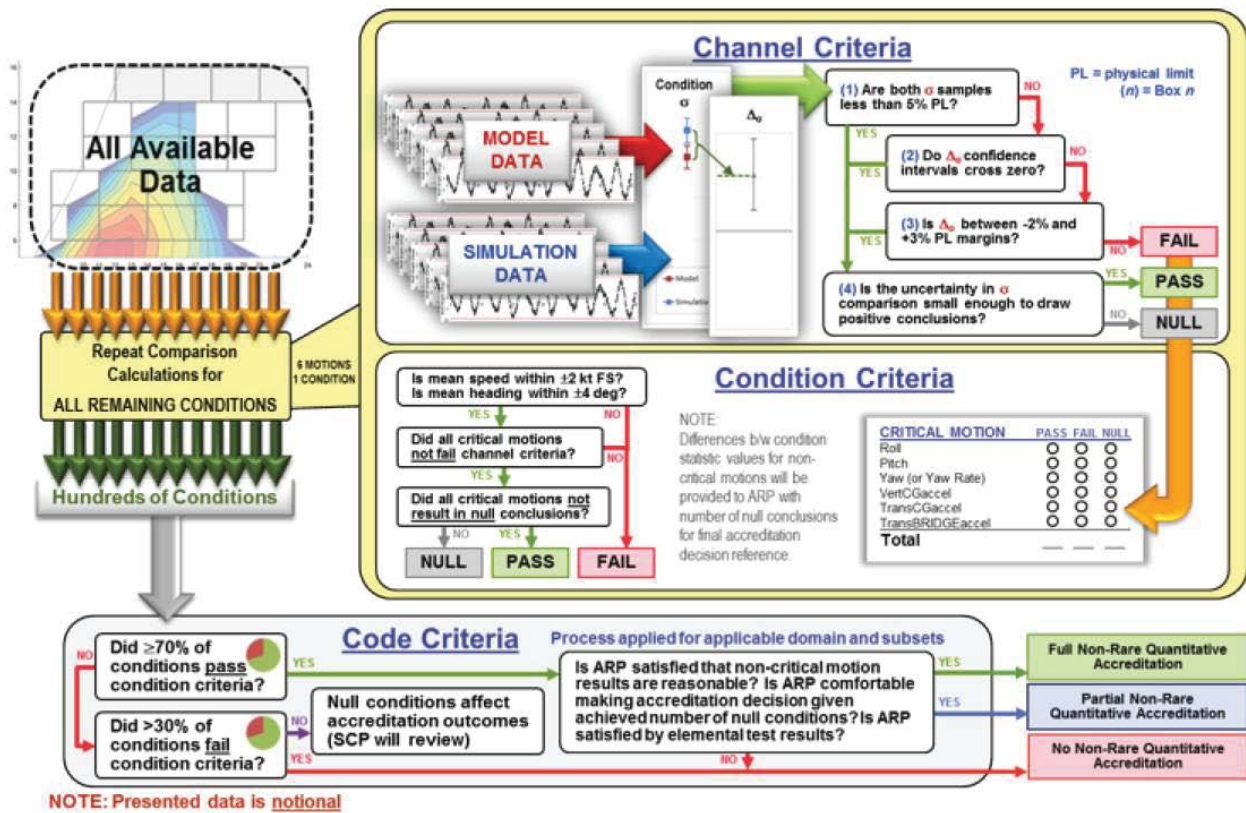


Fig. 6 Acceptance Criteria for Quantitative Accreditation Support (Non-Rare Motions)

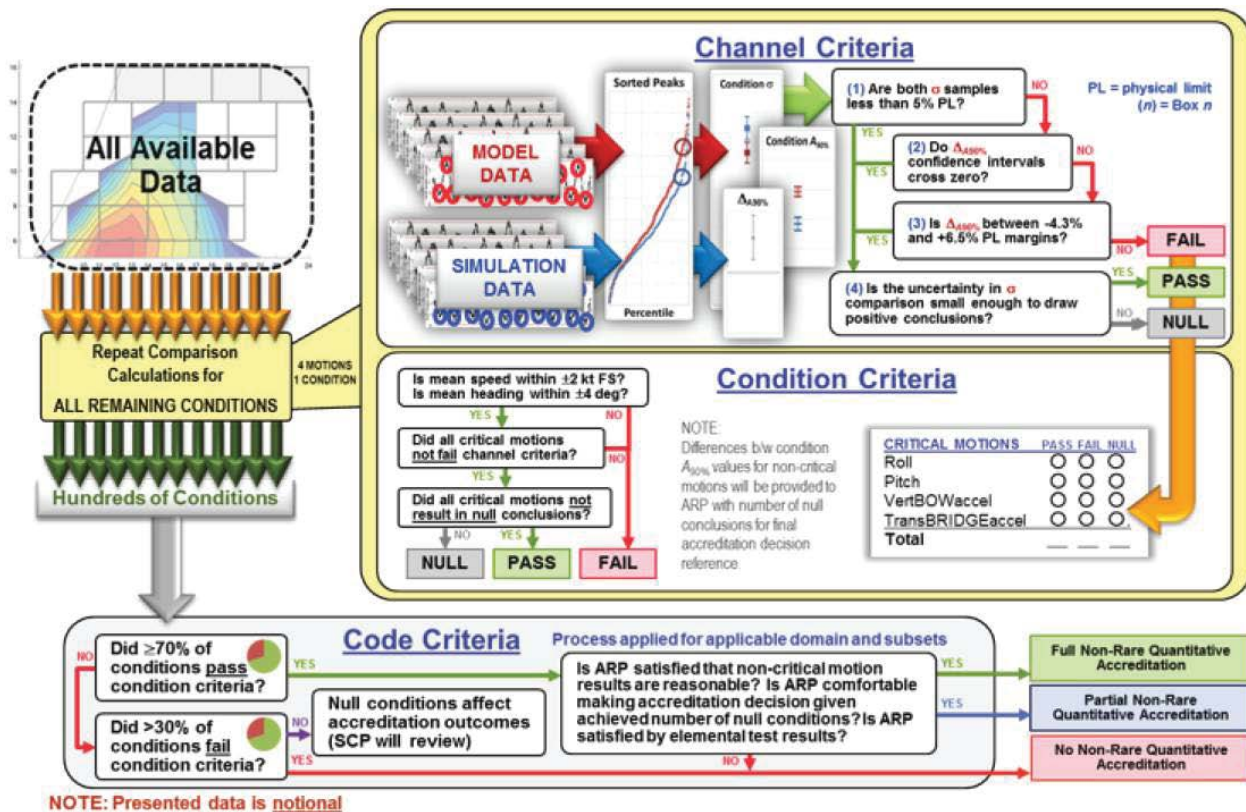


Fig. 7 Acceptance Criteria for Quantitative Accreditation Support (Rare Motions)

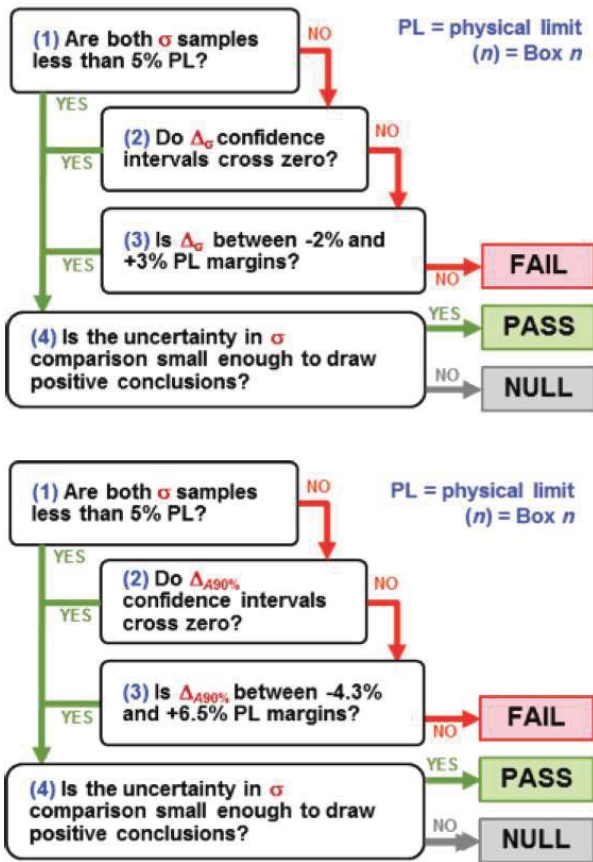


Fig. 8 Overview of Channel Criteria for Quantitative Accreditation for Non-Rare (top) and Rare (bottom) Motions

values and the four-box channel criteria.

Box 1: Very Small Motions

The Box 1 criterion is met if both the model and simulation condition σ -values are less than 5-percent of the physical limit. Passing the Box 1 criterion indicates that the motions are sufficiently small to pose no significant risk to ship operations.

Box 2: Zero Crossing of the Difference Uncertainty Interval

The Box 2 criterion is met if the uncertainty intervals about the difference between condition statistics passes through zero. Demonstration of a zero-crossing indicates a non-negligible statistical probability that the two condition statistics (model and simulation) may come from the same distribution and may be statistically the same (i.e. zero difference).

Box 3: Samples Within Margins

The Box 3 criterion is met if the model and simulation condition statistics differ by a permissibly small amount, or margin. The sample margins are conservatively biased; greater differences are allowed for over-prediction than for under-prediction. The margin values for non-rare motion comparisons are 3-percent of the physical limit for simulation over-prediction and 2-percent of the physical limit for simulation under-prediction. The margin values for rare motion comparisons are 6.5-percent of the physical limit for simulation over-prediction and 4.3-percent of the physical limit for simulation under-prediction. The margin values applied to the condition 90th percentile values are the non-rare motion margins multiplied by 2.15. This factor is based on the relationship between standard deviation and the 90th percentile of peaks for the Rayleigh distribution. Passing the Box 3 criterion addresses cases where the uncertainty intervals are small, but the condition statistic values are sufficiently similar to one another for practical purposes.

Box 4: Limitations on Uncertainty

The Box 4 criterion is met if the overall uncertainty in a comparison is less than a specified amount based on statistical Type II error (accepting what should be rejected due to too much uncertainty). The following equation presents the simplified numerical criterion for this test in terms of the confidence intervals on each data set.

$$\sqrt{(CI_{\sigma_{\text{model}}})^2 + (CI_{\sigma_{\text{code}}})^2} < 5\% \text{ of the physical limit}$$

Note that the characteristic interval length for each data set should be taken as the average of the upper and lower intervals if the intervals are asymmetric.

Failure of the Box 4 criterion does not signify a deficiency on the part of the simulation. Rather, failure of the Box 4 criterion denotes a comparison of poor quality from which no positive conclusions may be drawn.

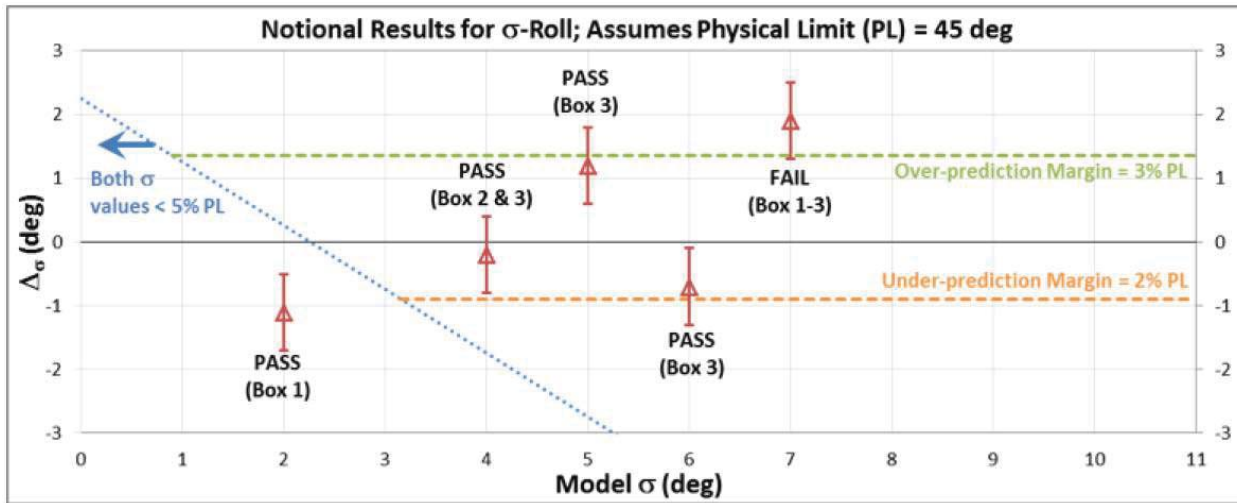


Fig. 9 Illustration of Channel Criteria for Quantitative Accreditation

Condition Criteria

Three outcomes are possible for the condition criteria: “pass,” “fail,” and “null.” The condition criteria are passed if the differences between mean speed and heading are permissibly small and 100-percent of the critical channels pass the channel criteria. The condition criteria are failed if the mean speed or heading differences are excessively large or one or more channels within a condition fail the channel criteria. The condition criteria results in a null conclusion if all of the following criteria are met: 1) mean speed and heading differences are permissibly small, 2) no motions fail the channel criteria, and 3) one or more motions result in a null conclusion of the channel criteria. Figure 10 illustrates the relationship between the condition criteria and the possible outcomes.

The simulation must demonstrate the ability to sufficiently model the mean speed and heading of the condition. The condition mean achieved model and simulation values of speed over ground and heading must fall within 2 knots full-scale and 4 degrees, respectively. Note that these limits should be tailored (based on ship speed and natural pitch and roll periods) to limit permissible deviation from wave encounter frequency.

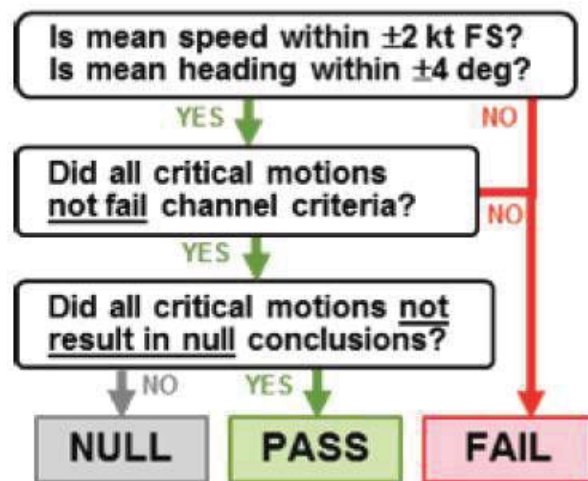


Fig. 10 Condition Criteria for Quantitative Accreditation (Rare and Non-Rare Motions)

Code Criteria

The code will pass the quantitative criteria for either rare or non-rare motions if at least 70-percent of conditions pass the respective quantitative condition criteria. The code will fail the code criteria for either rare or non-rare motions if more than 30-percent of the conditions fail the respective quantitative condition criteria. Otherwise, further review by the SCP is required due to the influence of null conditions on pass/fail outcomes. Further, the ARP must be satisfied with the percentage and locations within the domain space of non-null conditions ultimately available for the code comparison. Table 3 summarizes the quantitative code criteria, which are



applied separately for rare and non-rare results.

The ARP must also be satisfied by the accuracy reports for the non-critical rare and non-rare motions (not included in the channel comparisons). A description of the accuracy reports calculated for these channels is given below in the Qualitative Accreditation section.

The 70-percent criterion will be applied, and accreditation recommendations determined by the ARP, for non-rare motions across the following domain spaces:

- Across domain space
- Across defined operational conditions (speed and heading combinations)
- Across defined environmental conditions (wave height and period combinations)

4.4 Qualitative Accreditation

Qualitative Accreditation recommendations for the code's ability to simulate non-rare and rare motions is accomplished by generating accuracy reports (indicating differences between simulation and model results) for each channel across the relevant domain spaces, following the methodology presented in Zuzick, *et al.* (2014). Figures 11 and 12 provide an overview of the non-rare motion and rare motion, respectively, Quantitative Accreditation validation process. Statistical properties and the differences between these values are calculated from model test and simulation time histories. These values are calculated for each motion and unique environmental and operational condition combination within the validation data domain space. Finally, measures of overall accuracy are calculated from the observed difference values and provided to the ARP in the accuracy report.

The main difference between Qualitative and Quantitative Accreditation is the result of the effort. While Quantitative Accreditation provides “pass”, “fail”, or “null” outcomes to comparisons, Quantitative Accreditation provides statements about the simulation tool's accuracy (e.g. “The simulation over-predicts roll by 1.5 degrees across the validation domain.”). These quantified measures of accuracy are contained

in accuracy reports and can be used to establish margins on simulation results for ship-specific operator guidance generation.

Accuracy Reports

Qualitative Accreditation results in quantified measures of accuracy of critical and non-critical rare and non-rare motions results produced by the simulation tool across the domain and for subsets of the domain. For Qualitative Accreditation accuracy reporting, the 90-, 95- and 99-percent confidence intervals will each be calculated on the difference. The condition statistics examined through accuracy reports are standard deviation (for non-rare motions), 90th-percentile of amplitude peak (for rare motions), and mean values (for achieved speed and heading).

In addition to calculating the difference between condition statistics, the percent difference between values (difference divided by the model data condition statistic) will be calculated for each motion and condition. Within the maneuvering and seakeeping simulation community, a 20-percent difference (or smaller) is a generally-accepted measure of good correlation of standard deviation. The ARP will be provided with the percentage of channels compared whose percent difference was less than or equal to 20-percent as an additional measure of the code's overall accuracy.

To quantify the code's overall ability to capture rare and non-rare motions, generalized accuracy reports will be generated for each motion using the differences (and associated uncertainties) between the code and model test condition statistics over a range of conditions.

Figure 13 provides a notional representation of a non-rare and rare motion accuracy report for one mode of motion. Each accuracy report will contain the following quantities:

- Arithmetic mean of the difference (including arithmetic means of upper and lower uncertainty limits)
- Weighted mean of the difference (including weighted means of upper and lower uncertainty limits)



Table 3 Quantitative Code Criteria

PASS	FAIL	NULL	Comment
70%	N/A	N/A	Code Passes
N/A	> 30%	N/A	Code Fails
< 70%	< 30%	> 0%	Further examination of null conditions

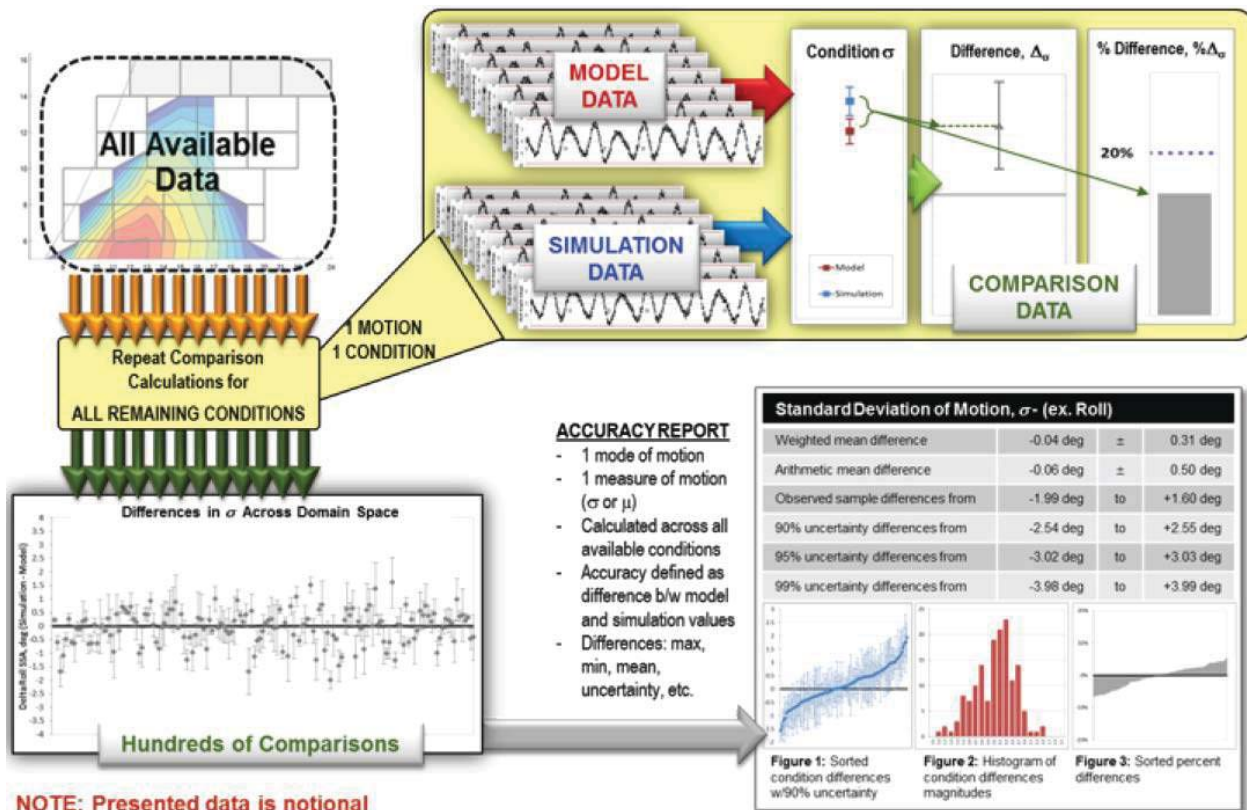


Fig. 11 Acceptance Criteria (Accuracy Reports) for Qualitative Accreditation Support (Non-Rare Motions)

- Weighting of each comparison condition is determined by the inverse of the combined length of the uncertainty intervals
- Range of observed sample differences
- Range of observed upper and lower uncertainty limits for 90%, 95%, and 99% confidence intervals
- Plot of sample differences (including 90-percent uncertainty limits) sorted from smallest to largest sample differences
- Histogram of sample difference magnitudes
- Quantile-quantile plot of motion peak amplitudes showing all conditions in the domain

A non-rare and rare motion accuracy report will be generated for each motion using individual comparison results from conditions categorized by several domain spaces. Quantified measures of accuracy will be calculated for each motion for the following domains:

- Across domain space
- Across defined operational conditions (speed and heading combinations)
- Across defined environmental conditions (wave height and period combinations)

5 CONCLUSIONS

With the advent of the second-generation intact stability criteria, IMO has initiated a two-tier

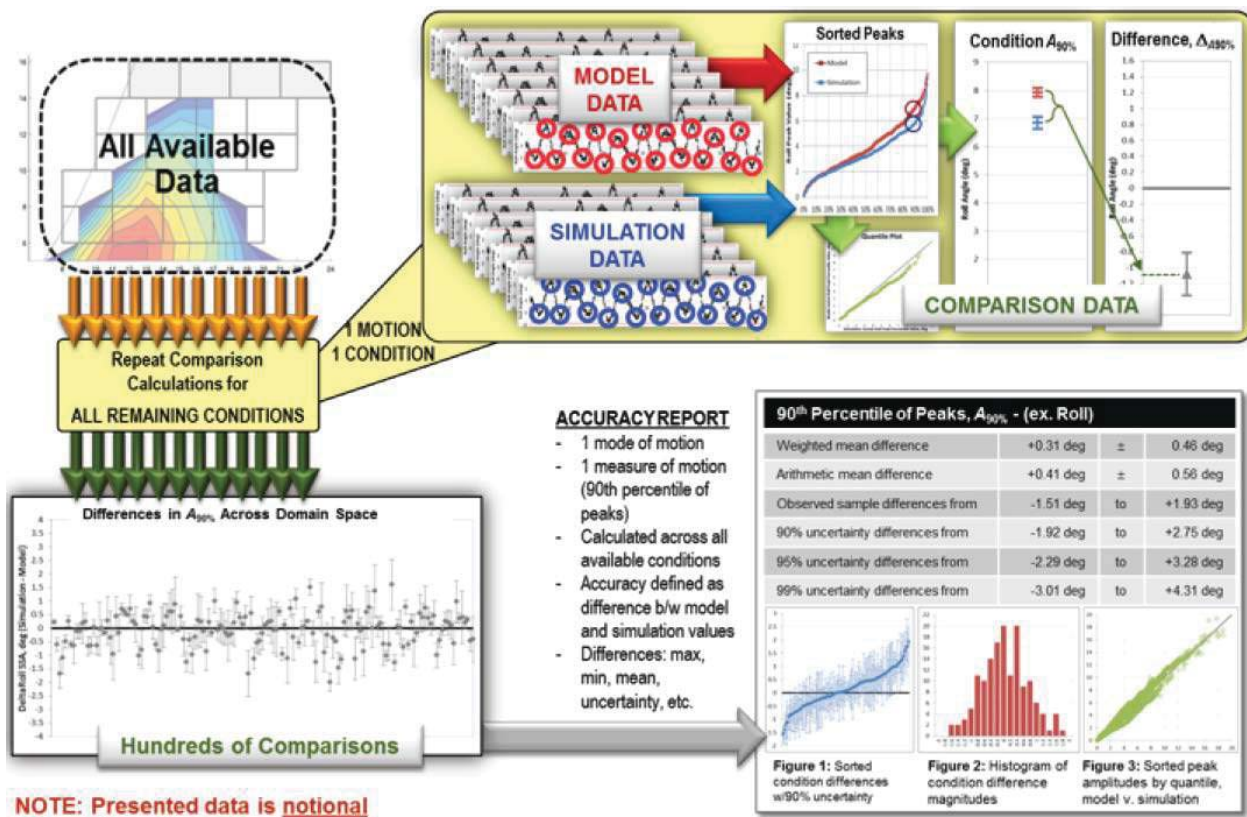


Fig. 12 Acceptance Criteria (Accuracy Reports) for Qualitative Accreditation Support (Rare Motions)

performance-based stability assessment process for unconventional hulls with a risk of intact stability failure. The first tier has two levels where simplified physics-based algorithms are used to assess a design. If the design fails the first level test, which is very simple but quite conservative, the design is then assessed using the second level criteria. The second level test is also simple, but it is more involved and less conservative than the first level method. If the design fails these first tier evaluations, it then progresses to the second tier, where direct assessment criteria are applied.

The design is considered satisfactory if the direct assessment criteria are passed. If these criteria are not passed, operator guidance is needed to provide vessel operators with the information needed to safely operate the vessel in dangerous conditions. Ship motion simulation tools are needed to apply the direct assessment criteria and generate operator guidance, if necessary.

A framework is presented for certification

that simulation tools used for direct assessment of stability failures and generation of operator guidance are sufficiently accurate for these purposes. Based on US Navy experience, guidance is provided on the VV&A process, structure, and participation, and acceptance criteria are given for both quantitative and qualitative accreditation approaches. Accreditation acceptance criteria are tailorable to ship-specific VV&A efforts, particularly with regards to definition of critical motions and physical limits.

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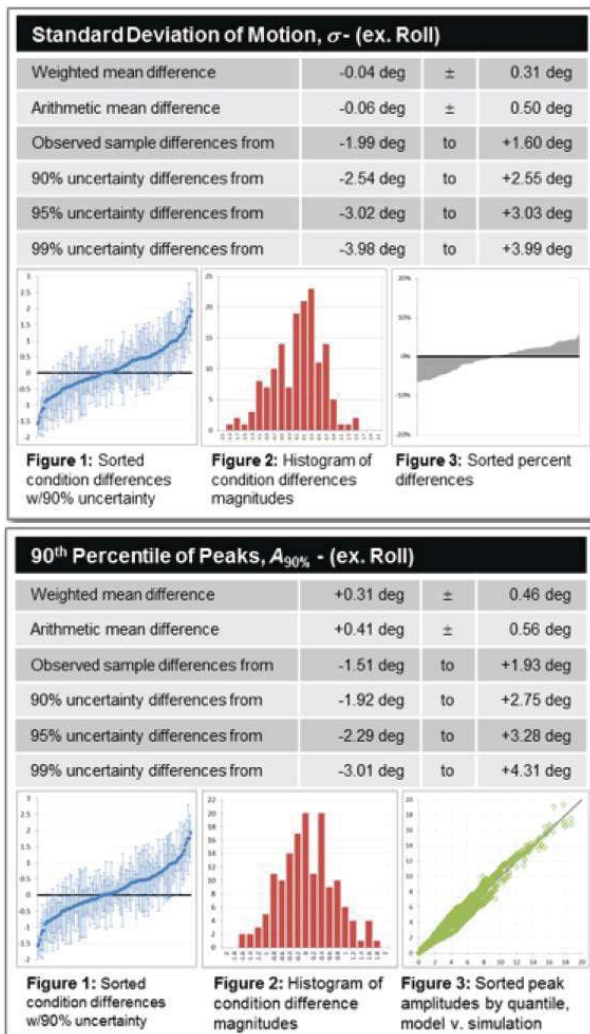


Fig. 13 Notional Non-Rare (top) and Rare (bottom) Motion Accuracy Report for Roll (NOTE: Data presented is notional)

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ABSTRACT

Designing outside the box but inside the rules – a challenge for any Naval Architect. Modern ship designs are advancing at a faster pace than what the regulators can capture within a code of rules and guidelines.

Ship stability, in particular, is an aspect of naval architecture where a framework of prescriptive rules makes it difficult in practice to achieve an economically and operationally viable solution for unique ship designs.

This paper draws from the experience of an established international marine design firm and brings to attention various issues that are emerging as designs evolve, whilst proposing a way forward for establishing a foundation for practical safe stability assessments in the maritime sector and for future developments on the subject.

1. INTRODUCTION

Ship to Shore. Sea Transport Solutions (STS) CEO, Stuart Ballantyne, fascinated with ship design, left his job at sea as a navigator/deck officer after 7 years and returned to Glasgow to start studying for a career change in Ship Design. It was this foundation of seagoing experience at an early stage where practical, out of the box thinking ship design solutions were established with the Australian Marine Design Firm in 1976. A family based company where employees are a mixture of both Naval Architects and Seafarers, has proven to be a recipe for success with a series of Award Winning designs. This combination of theoretical and practical know-how has provided connections and close working relationships with the maritime regulators for on-going advice and direction for developing and refining the codes of practical ship design. With more and more regulating authorities and their college graduate personnel coming onto the maritime scene, ship stability has always been cause for great debate between

designers, operators and authorities. This paper endeavours to briefly highlight the problems, issues, gaps and interactions with ship stability rules in practice.

2. DAMAGE STABILITY LEGISLATION

Queensland, Australia, which is home to over 9,000 commercial vessels and around 260,000 recreational vessels, is a good place to set the scene of the where the maritime industry is globally. For it is here where decisions on ship selection were always bottom line driven. It is also where the STS design firm was established.

The Queensland Maritime regulators at the time were restructuring the Australian Domestic Code into a “Uniform Shipping Laws Code”, which was strongly influenced by unions and the GRT and NRT based

code was changed to a length basis, but not fairly. Stability rules were also tightened and this meant that operators of a 36 metre charter vessel had to have extra crew for fewer passengers. The operators came looking for a solution to reduce the crew back to original manning size and increase the passenger numbers, but there was to only be one immediate answer: a catamaran.

Catamarans in those days had a poor reputation for sea handling, so it was in the tank test facilities in Strathclyde where a series of tests with symmetric and partial asymmetric catamaran hulls with bulbous bows was carried out.



Figure 1 - Shangri La 20m Catamaran, hull centrelines toe out, asymmetric hulls with bulbs. Strathclyde Ph D. Student Apostolis Tsantikos standing in photo.

As ex seafarers, the company established a series of minimum tunnel clearances forward and amidships to avoid slamming loads. 20 years later these became compulsory in class rules.

STS also worked with Lloyds Register (LR) as the guinea pig in the establishment of the Special Service Craft (SSC) rules which had been purchased from the Russians. These very

sensible rules were first principles based, instead of the old empirical rules, which allowed room to minimise the weight with high tensile steel hulls and aluminium superstructured catamarans and sensibly attack the subdivision requirement rules.

Like most coastal regions, Australia is home to a number of Landing Craft designs which consistently capsize with loss of lives and cargoes as per the below table. A combination of a shallow deck immersion (typically 4-5 degrees in a stern trim configuration) and a bit of movement of deck cargo, a vessel is upside down within 3 to 5 seconds.

Australia			
*"M.V. Keppel Trader"	16m	1996	Capsized on voyage from Darwin – 1 killed
*"M.V. Tasma"	35m	1991	Capsized on voyage from Cairns to Karumba - no-one killed
*"M.V. Thuppen"	20m	1988	Capsized circa Townsville-Magnetic Island 1 killed,
*"M.V. Pira"	50m	1992	Ex qld en route to Lihir PNG circa, capsized, Master and Engineer killed, vessel lost
*"M.V. Shellbourne Bay"	20m	1994	Capsized in Thursday Island Harbour (twice !!) Smooth waters, rudder heeling moment causing deck-edge immersion. No-one killed. Trucks on board
*"M.V. Narapi"	25m	1992	Capsized in Horne island – cargo shifted- no subdivision, then sank - not located
*"M.V. Major Dundee"	30m	1993	Truck fell of legs and moved transversely during voyage in partially smooth waters, vessel then had deck edge immersion and promptly capsized, Airlie beach, no-one killed.
*"M.V. Hinchinbrook Island"	16m	2000	Capsized near Cardwell, Queensland. Partially smooth waters – 1 killed. Manslaughter charges now against owner and surveyor.
PNG			
*"M.V. Sir Garrick"	32m	1982	Capsized Kerema Gulf- master killed
*"M.V. Pakori"	25m	1993	Sank at Kikori through stern flooding - no one killed
Solomon Islands			
*"M.V. Vula"	30m	1987	Capsized killing 20 passengers. The Government then introduced a ban prohibiting landing craft to carry passengers.
*"M.V. Bulamakow"	40m	1991	Capsized on a cargo run, crew killed.
Fiji			
M.V. Adi Ywaitui	40m	2006	Capsized killing 1 crew member

Table 1 - Capsized Landing Craft

STS addressed this lack of stability with side buoyancy, whilst at the same time also addressing the Landing Craft's poor performance in head seas by designing a ship shape high bow, ultimately leading to the development and patent of the "Stern Landing Vessel" (SLV). The SLV, in other words, is a back to front landing craft which there are now 24 in operation and several currently under construction.



Figure 2 - SLV on the beach

Part of the hull design also incorporated a 'V hull' shape which birthed the first "no ballast" bulk carrier the "*MV Deepwater*" in 1990.



Figure 3 – SLV "MV Deepwater"

The company clashed heavily with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) regulators who said these well-deck novel designs were not compliant with the definition of "*Freeboard Deck*" -the uppermost continuous deck. AMSA were insisting on freeing ports from the well deck which is impossible with toxic cargoes such as lead zinc, or any other cargo for that instance. The design of these small bulk carriers was so to withstand total swamping in any loaded condition, however this common sense was only accepted after lengthy discussions and

model test experiments. A well deck configuration is far more robust in a heavy seaway.

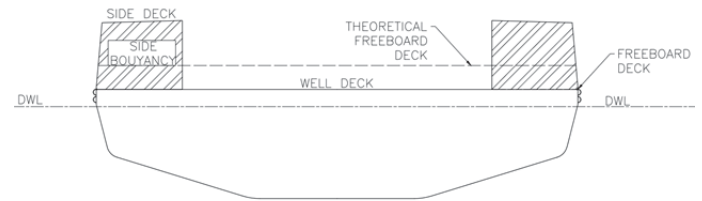


Figure 4 - Well Deck, Flat Deck and 'effective' deck level

3. RESILIENCE

In the case of the small 5300dwt self-discharging bulk carrier, *MV Wunma*, with a well deck configuration, she was abandoned fully loaded in a cyclone in the Gulf of Carpentaria in November 2007. This is the ultimate test for any ship and generally bulk carriers would be overwhelmed in such a situation.

Despite some very bad press at the time, the vessel survived intact, with no loss of life or injuries or pollution and, under her own power, entered the port of Weipa 3 days later. The Australian Government, spent AU\$6m on a marine court of enquiry. With no injuries, pollution or damages, this was an enquiry into being nearly pregnant! As a result of this incident and the press coverage of an unsinkable ship, STS secured a contract for a 14,000dwt SLV from the Middle East.





Figure 5 - MV Wunma, with a well deck configuration

4. FORWARD THINKING

The fact that 99% of all clients are after a vessel which makes a profit, ship designers often have to think outside the box. In the case of a client who was after an SLV with a 10 vehicle 65 tonne deck load within a very limited space of time, a second-hand 30 metre length, narrow-beamed, 15 knot small patrol boat with a 3 tonne deck load was purchased and converted.



Figure 6 - LARA V, before alteration.

Without touching the vessel's engineering or electrical system, gull wings either side of the vessel were fabricated and attached. With buoyancy of the added shape equal to the weight added including a 5 metre SLV stern section, the vessel ended up carrying the required 65 tonnes as well as gaining another knot in speed.



Figure 7 - LARA V, after alteration.

The *Lara V* alteration of course caused concern with the regulators at the time who insisted this could not be done. The vessel however was compliant in all aspects of ship design but not all stability criteria at the time, with one example, the requirement to have the GZ_{max} occur after 20° heeling angle. With this new trimaran hull configuration, this obsolete rule could not be met. The regulators could not see the 'intent' of the rules and although the stability criteria on face value had not passed 100%, the vessel's significant increase in stability safety was surprisingly not an easy argument, but ultimately an argument that was won. Basically it was taking the exceptionally low GM and raising it considerably with the aid of a trimaran shape that was really the core solution. The commercial risk was taken by our design office and had a happy ending technically, operationally and commercially.

5. GRT ISSUES

When addressing the problems of the South Pacific nations, numerous capsizes were occurring predominantly with vessels

that were under 500GRT. It was conclusive that the bottom dollar ship selection of vessels below 500GRT was to escape from an “IMO convention vessel benchmark”, at which point the extra expense it incurs. The unfortunate part of this is that the resultant sub 500GRT vessels are only 40-45m in waterline length and the predominant trade winds generate a wave height and frequency only suitable for a minimum 60m L_{WL} vessel, instead these small waterline vessels fall into the troughs of the oncoming waves. Survivors of these tragedies such as the, Rabaul Queen, reported that “three large waves overcame the vessel” prior to capsize. The local regulators then finger-pointed to passenger overloading, where in fact the water on deck captured within the bulwarks is believed to be the major offending contribution to the capsize and loss of 142 lives. Marine operators have continued to push for the 500GRT benchmark to be replaced with 60m L_{WL} without success.

The Dutch Naval Architect, Ernst Vossnack, also concluded that the pursuit of a lower GRT by eliminating forecastle and aftercastle buoyancy was the primary reason for the capsize of small Mediterranean 999GRT and 1499grt vessels in heavy weather, where their dynamic stability reserves were overwhelmed by the harsh reality of big waves.

This issue of GRT should be seriously addressed with the IMO to avoid further loss of life with naval architects creating ships that are fundamentally unseaworthy. It appears IMO are no longer interested in Safety of Life at Sea and have for the last decade, in this author's opinion, had a myopic view on environmental

issues and very little or no interest in the ongoing capsizes of landing craft and the demise of sub paragraph GRT vessels.

6. ASSESSING UNCONVENTIONAL SHIPS

Addressing the major problems of worldwide transshipping (restrictions of a 2m wave height and 20 knot wind speeds and transportable moisture limits (TML)), the Floating Harbour Transhipper (FHT) was developed. This innovation incorporates exports of bulk commodities from remote small shallow draft harbours with shallow draft SLV's to an FHT which has a wet dock to offload these small feeder barges.

Two interlinked vessels, one loading, one discharging creates its own problems, but stability in the end was not one of them. The ‘ship within a ship’ concept was beyond standard ship stability criteria, so a series of model test basin experiments were required to evaluate safety of the vessels at sea, which for now, have satisfied the local marine regulators.

Model test facilities are a great tool for assessing ship safety and stability, but unfortunately access to these resources are not always available in a timely manner or at bargain prices. Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) software is becoming more powerful, so perhaps one day the regulatory bodies may embrace the results of these tools with greater confidence, thereby allowing for a greater quantity of unique vessel designs to be designed, assessed and built.



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Figure 8 - Floating Harbour Transhipper
(FHT)

7. CONCLUDING REMARKS

So how does a Design Office focus on out-of-the-box practical solutions deal with stability regulations during the design phase: problems, issues, gaps, interactions, recommendations?

As a ship design company that have expanded into owning and operating ports and vessels, we prefer to find experienced ex mariners with current seagoing qualifications in amongst the regulators. This is getting more difficult and with this difficulty comes frustration, as the pure academic regulator will hide not only in the prescriptiveness of the regulations as opposed to the intent, but sometimes his or her own misguided interpretation of the regulations.

We would encourage the regulators to employ seafarers who do not only have deepsea experience, but rather more importantly have sea time on smaller, modern coastal vessels.

Innovation has a long way to go with commercial vessels and there is a strong future for the industry if we do not constrain the thinking.

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**ClassNK Activities Related to Stability in Collaboration
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ABSTRACT

ClassNK has developed an application called “ClassNK Manager” in collaboration with NAPA Group. The application is designed to support ship designers carry out stability calculation based on NAPA 3D model and create the relevant booklets in compliance with statutory rules. The primary objective of the cooperation is to assist the naval architect in performing regulatory engineering calculations in a way that makes designs safer and makes the classification process faster.

Keywords: *Stability Booklet, Application, ClassNK, NAPA*

1. INTRODUCTION

Designing market competitive ships in a short period of time with minimal resources is a demanding task in the current situation of shipbuilding industry. In order to add higher values to new building ships, more detailed studies are required in the design phase while design conditions.

Regarding statutory rules, regulations are becoming more complicated, e.g. SOLAS 2009, and they require accurate treatment of 3D geometries. Therefore, there is also a strong need of 3D systems from the viewpoints of statutory calculations and class approval.

For classification societies, it is important to support shipyards. ClassNK has been developing an application called “ClassNK Manager” based on the NAPA 3D model for stability calculation collaborating with NAPA group.

2. HISTORY OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN CLASSNK AND NAPA

ClassNK began using NAPA System in 2005. In order to improve customer service, from 2008, ClassNK started to collaborate with NAPA group to develop a new concept application which assist designer to prepare the stability booklet in accordance with rules. The fundamentals of the project lied in designing the application to be so user friendly that no specific training would be needed.

From 2011, ClassNK also start to collaborate with NAPA group to develop the interface system to achieve Data Linkage between the ClassNK software for Harmonised CSR and NAPA Steel using the NAPA 3D model.

Furthermore, ClassNK and NAPA group developed “ClassNK-NAPA Green” which helps owners and operators better monitor and optimize the efficiency of vessel operations.

In 2014, ClassNK acquired NAPA in order to ensure that innovation in software benefits the entire maritime industry and make new innovations available to everyone.

3. OUTLINE OF THE APPLICATION

The developed application, “ClassNK Manager”, is based on the NAPA Manager concept which comprises a framework for modelling a work process on top of the NAPA 3D model bringing the accuracy and efficiency of the ship design package into an easy-to-use and practical form. The NAPA Manager concept is widely used in the design work at world’s leading shipyards and design consultancies.

The key function of ClassNK Manager associated with stability is outlined below.

2.1 Intact Stability

The GM limit curve in accordance with 2008 IS Code can be created easily. The output of calculation results related to the Stability Information and Loading Manual for approval can be issued easily with a good and useful format. In general, very short time will be available to make the Stability Information and Loading Manual loaded onboard, because those cannot be made without the result of inclining experiment or lightweight measurement and they should be prepared to comply with the convention rule before the ship’s delivery. This tool will be useful to issue these documents within a short period of time.

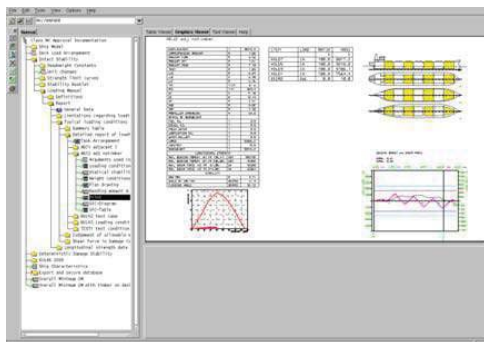


Figure 1 Loading Condition View

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When timber deck cargoes are loaded, the buoyancy of the timber deck cargo can be taken into account in accordance with Paragraph 3.5.3 “Calculation of stability curves for ships carrying timber deck cargoes” in 2008 IS Code. The shape of timber deck cargo can be easily defined and used to calculate stability taking the reserve buoyancy of the timber deck cargo into account. The alternative stability criteria for timber deck cargo can be selected for each loading condition for stability calculation.

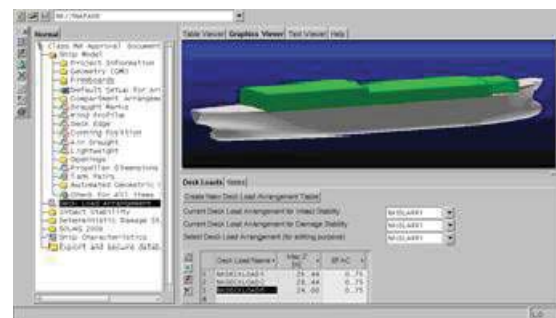


Figure 2 Input of Timber Deck Cargo

2.2 Damage Stability

The calculation results of Deterministic Damage Stability can be printed in a good and useful format easily. The permeability of the flooded compartments can be easily defined in

accordance with the convention rules, and the damage cases can be generated.

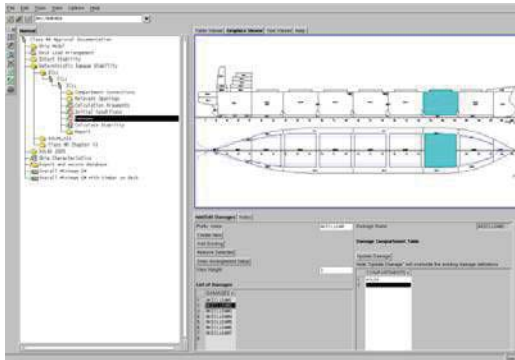


Figure 3 Input of ICLL Damage Case

2.3 2009 SOLAS Damage Stability

Probabilistic damage stability regulated in SOLAS II-1, Part B-1 and double bottom damage stability regulated in SOLAS II-1, Part B-2 can be calculated in accordance with the requirements. Zone damages can be created automatically based on the subdivision table defined by the user.

The buoyancy of timber deck cargo can be justifiably credited in damage stability calculations required by SOLAS II-1, when the integrity of the lashed timber deck cargo complies with the provisions of Chapters 3 and 4 of the CODE OF SAFE PRACTICE FOR SHIPS CARRYING TIMBER DECK CARGOES, 1991 (Resolution A.715(17)).

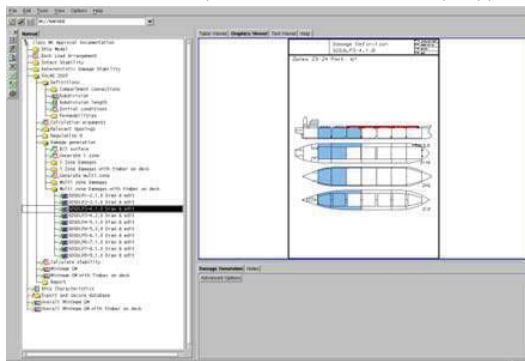


Figure 4 SOLAS 2009 multi-zone Damage

2.4 Creation of Grain Loading Booklet

Grain Heeling Moment can be calculated in accordance with International Grain Code by easy input. The output of calculation related Grain Loading Booklet for approval can be issued easily with a good and useful format in accordance with International Grain Code. In general, very short time will be available to make the Grain Loading Booklet loaded onboard, because those cannot be made without the result of inclining experiment or lightweight measurement and they should be prepared to comply with the convention rule before the ship's delivery. This tool will be useful to issue Grain Loading Booklet within a short period of time.

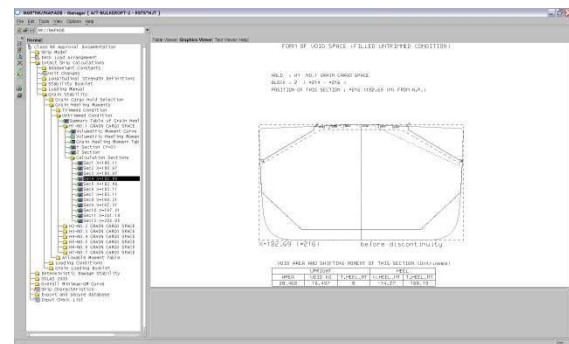


Figure 5 Creation of Grain Loading Booklet

2.5 Compliance Check of Statutory requirements

New loading conditions are often created by the owner's request before ship's delivery. However, the compliance of statutory requirements for these conditions are not checked at designed stage.

We created the function which is used for easy checking of the compliance of stability requirements for new loading conditions. After creating new loading conditions, the end-users can find the compliance of stability requirements visually.

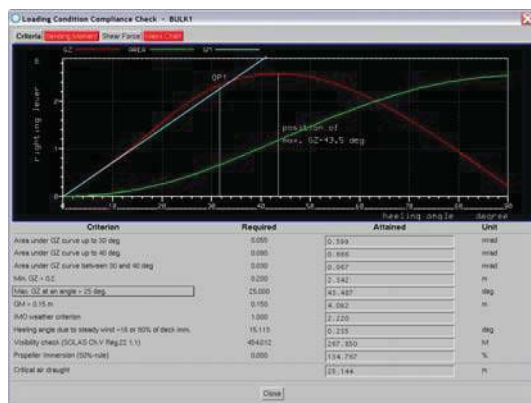


Figure 6 Compliance check of intact stability

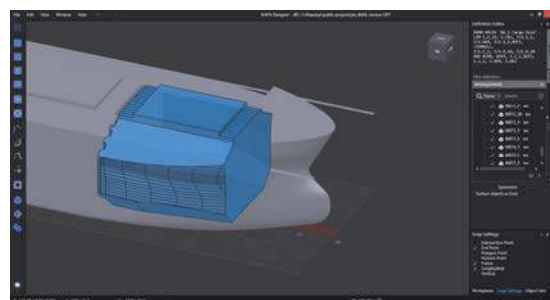


Figure 7 NAPA Designer offers intuitive tools for modelling

4. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

The further development of the application is aligned to making the classification process between the naval architect and the approving body as smooth as possible. Key elements in realizing these requirements are,

- Understanding the ship design process and the needs of the different stakeholders involved in the shipbuilding project
- Implementing new features through a market driven approach when designing the user experience to ensure that the tools provided fit the need of the user community as a whole
- Ensuring that the engineering methods comply with the existing domain of rules and modern computation models
- Serving naval architecture in practice

While the application today covers the needed regulatory domain, creation of the geometry model has so far been assumed to be pre-existing. With the exception of some domain specific modelling for objects such as down flooding openings, deck edges the product model is assumed to be existing prior to using the application. Current development is ongoing for making the creation of the geometry model easier and faster by creating a new workflow for the statutory compliance domain using the NAPA Designer.

The loading computer of the vessel is based on the same data as used in basic design of the vessel. Analogically to stability calculations for basic design, classification work is needed for the loading computer. Today, the loading computer is often created from scratch in the detail design stage of the vessel and is based on the final ('as built') calculations done at the delivery stage of the vessel. As the relevant information is already available in a standard format hosted by the product model of the vessel, the creation of the loading computer can be made significantly more efficient than it currently is using a single product model of the vessel.

The mission of both the cooperating companies is to provide excellent tools and services to the marine industry in the field of regulatory analysis of ships. The development of the tools and services is tightly connected with changing rules and new methodologies constantly developing in the IMO and in research globally, for example second generation intact stability criteria and amendments to the SOLAS Chapter II – 1 Subdivision and Damage Stability Regulation to name a few.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Ship design is getting into higher levels year by year while the design cycle is getting shorter and requirements such as statutory rules and design conditions are getting more complicated. In this circumstance, the



enhancement of efficiency of ship design and its approval have becoming more important.

ClassNK and NAPA group have developed “ClassNK Manager” based on the NAPA System. The application will support ship designers to carry out stability calculations based on NAPA 3D model in accordance with statutory rules.

“ClassNK Manager” is integrated into “Statutory Compliance Manager” in order to contribute to improve efficiency of ship design and to speed the classification approval process.

Authors expect that “Statutory Compliance Manager” will contribute to enhance the efficiency of stability calculation in accordance with the complicated statutory rules.

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ABSTRACT

With the aim of analysing the current status and possible future perspectives of research in the field of ship stability, dynamics and safety, this paper deals with an extensive review of the research work presented at the International Conferences on Stability of Ships and Ocean Vehicles (STAB Conferences) and the International Ship Stability Workshops (ISSW) held during the period 2009-2014. The reviewed material is organised in different sections, corresponding to a set of identified main typical focal macro-topics of research. On the basis of the reviewed material, consolidated research topics are highlighted together with emerging topics, and ideas for possible future research and its needs and focus are provided. Discussion is also provided regarding the link between research and educational aspects.

Keywords: *ship stability; ship dynamics; ship safety; STAB; ISSW; review*

1. INTRODUCTION

Ship stability is undoubtedly a subject of paramount importance in the field of Naval Architecture, its fundamentals having wider implications for the design and operation of ships and floating units. Moreover, “stability” is a concept which, in Naval Architecture, has a very wide meaning, embracing ship stability fundamentals with ship dynamics and ultimately ship safety. In this respect, research in the field has received considerable attention within the whole maritime community, resulting in the contemporary evolution of the

subject to the integrated notion of “ship stability, dynamics and safety” as it is being currently appreciated.

Although, due to its wide implications for the design, regulatory development and operation of ships, the subject receives attention in almost all the Naval Architecture scientific forums, the series of the International Conferences on Stability of Ships and Ocean Vehicles (STAB Conferences) and the International Ship Stability Workshops (ISSW) are certainly the venues where expertise and contemporary developments tend to be



collected and thoroughly debated. Therefore, a review of the status and perspectives of research and contemporary developments in “ship stability, dynamics and safety”, the subject of this paper, can certainly be considered as representative of the field when based on work presented in these series of international conferences and workshops. Following these considerations, herein a review has been carried out considering the series of the International Conferences on Stability of Ships and Ocean Vehicles (STAB Conferences) and the International Ship Stability Workshops (ISSW) organised during the period 2009-2014. This period was chosen since some of the contributions from earlier events have been reported in the “Contemporary Ideas on Ship Stability” series of two books [1.1, 1.11], in special issues of International Shipbuilding Progress [1.4, 1.9] and in some issues of Marine Technology [1.3, 1.5, 1.6]. It should be noted, however, that the work carried out in this review is to a very large extent exhaustive of the research included in the two STAB and four ISSW events covered in the review period (2009-2014), as compared to the selective earlier reporting, and this approach is in line with some reviews carried out in the past regarding single STAB events [1.2, 1.7, 1.8, 1.10]. For completeness of the review, some linked references presented elsewhere have also been included.

In order to provide an organised review, firstly, a set of main typical focal macro-topics of research related to the subject of ship stability, dynamics and safety have been identified. The paper has been organised in a series of sections corresponding to such topics, namely:

- Intact stability
- Damage stability
- Stability for specific types of vessels and floating objects (fishing vessels, naval vessels, inland vessels, other types of vessels and floating objects)
- Roll damping & anti-rolling devices, CFD for ship stability, and modelling of granular materials

- Ship stability in operation
- Modelling of environment

As a result, for each topic, a structured review is herein provided of the research carried out, organised in the appropriate sub-topics constituting the macro-topic covered in each section of the paper. The review is then followed by an elaboration of ideas for possible future research and its needs and focus.

Furthermore, the additional topic of “education” is also considered. In this context, some considerations are provided on aspects related to the transferring of present evolution of knowledge in the field of ship stability, dynamics and safety, to future Naval Architects during their university education.

2. INTACT STABILITY

Nonlinear ship dynamics in intact condition is one of the fundamental research topics when dealing with ship safety. Indeed, when comfort or operability are of concern, linear (or weakly nonlinear) approaches are typically sufficient. Instead, when the goal is to address the safety of the vessel in adverse weather conditions, large amplitude motions (particularly roll) are to be taken into account, with the consequent need of properly accounting for, and modelling of, (often strongly) nonlinear effects. In the past, nonlinear ship dynamics was often considered as an almost purely-research topic. However, with the increase of the computing capabilities and the advances of the research, this topic has transferred knowledge and tools also to the design and operation of vessels, as well as to the regulatory framework.

In the period of time considered in this review, an important topic has grown and has attracted attention, i.e. the IMO development of so-called “Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria (SGISC)”. In this framework, a specific set of failure modes associated with potentially dangerous dynamic stability phenomena in waves are considered, namely:



parametric roll, pure loss of stability, surf-riding and broaching and excessive accelerations. Such failure modes are strictly connected with nonlinear phenomena. As such, criteria aimed at guaranteeing sufficient safety with respect to these failure modes, need to embed the main features of the underlying nonlinear dynamics. Furthermore, the 3+1 tiers structure of SGISC allows accommodating methodologies at different levels of sophistication, from simple approaches up to the use of more complex nonlinear ship motions time domain tools. The development of SGISC has therefore represented a direct or indirect attractor for a significant amount of papers investigating the dynamics of the various failure modes and/or presenting possible methodologies for addressing such failure modes at design (or operational) stage.

With regard to SGISC, continuously updating overviews of development and general discussions have been provided over time [2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.23 2.62, 2.81, 2.85], showing the evolution of the framework. The more advanced status of development has been achieved, so far, with respect to Level 1 and Level 2 vulnerability criteria for the various failure modes. In this respect, in the observed time period, proposals have been put forward for addressing parametric roll [2.24, 2.37, 2.38], pure loss of stability [2.24], surf riding and broaching [2.25, 2.37], dead-ship condition [2.38], and excessive accelerations [2.40]. Also, test applications, sample calculations and consistency checks of the available Level 1&2 proposals have been presented [2.84, 2.101]. Some specific experiments have also been carried out to validate the mathematical models proposed for being implemented in Level 1 and Level 2 criteria [2.39, 2.59, 2.94], and importance was also given to a designers-oriented clarification of the underlying dynamics of surf-riding [2.92]. A more specific attention is yet to be given to the topic of regulatory application of direct stability assessment and associated development of operational guidance, although the interest is growing over time. A specific general

discussion on tools and methodologies for regulatory direct stability assessment was presented in [2.64], while a discussion on the development of appropriate ship-specific operational guidance for increasing ship safety was given in [2.26]. Direct assessment procedures for surf-riding and broaching assessment have been proposed in [2.25].

In parallel to the implementation of concepts and methods from nonlinear dynamics into design through SGISC, research has of course progressed on fundamental aspects of nonlinear ship motions. In the following, an attempt is made to report the identified contributions by dividing them according to failure modes considered by SGISC. However, this sharp separation, although pragmatic, is clearly an oversimplified scheme for categorizing stability-related research in the field on nonlinear dynamics in intact condition. A number of contributions indeed span among different failure modes, or touches diverse topics. Therefore, other subjects will also be considered in the following.

The first nonlinear phenomenon to be addressed is surely parametric roll. Indeed, among various potentially dangerous dynamic stability phenomena in waves, parametric roll has clearly gathered the majority of the attention. Specific benchmark studies have been organised in order to assess the prediction capabilities of existing simulations tools [2.18, 2.47]. An evolution in addressing the phenomenon could clearly be noticed. Indeed, while in the past parametric roll was mostly studied by means of 1-DOF uncoupled roll models, more recent research has clearly shifted towards the use of more advanced mathematical models, where more degrees of freedom are taken into account, at different levels of sophistication. The 1-DOF modelling, with roll restoring variations calculated assuming quasi-static heave and pitch, can nowadays be considered as a consolidated tool for sufficiently simple applications at the (early) design stage. Such model has also been



used, explicitly or implicitly, in developing parametric roll Level 1 & Level 2 vulnerability criteria in the framework of SGISC. For more advanced applications, models with more DOFs have been developed and used, i.e. 3-DOF [2.10, 2.12, 2.35, 2.66, 2.67, 2.97], 4-DOF [2.12], 6-DOF [2.11, 2.50, 2.67, 2.72]. With the increase in the complexity of the simulation tools, also the computational effort tends to increase. In view of this, simple indications for identifying potentially dangerous conditions of speed/heading have been presented in [2.11], with the intention of providing means for reducing the computational efforts in determining the inception and amplitude of parametric roll. Regarding the convergence of modelling techniques, it is to be noted that still there exists a significant variety of modelling when more than 1-DOF is considered: single time scale vs double (slow-maneuvring and fast-seakeeping) time scale, consideration of memory effects or constant hydrodynamic coefficients, modelling details of damping, modelling of manoeuvring forces, etc. From the point of view of the peculiar nonlinear characteristics of parametric rolling, detailed studies have been carried out in some cases. The extent and shape of instability regions in regular waves, as well as the amplitude of roll within the instability regions was numerically studied in [2.10] through time domain simulations of a 3-DOF model, while a semi-analytical approach based on direct application of Floquet theory was used in [2.16] for the identification of instability regions in longitudinal regular waves. Results from such studies also relate with the observation that parametric roll can have a non-monotonic relation between amplitude of forcing and amplitude of roll motion [2.15, 2.51]. Although the majority of studies regarding parametric roll have dealt with conventional vessels, some studies have also been presented for unconventional hull forms, such as trimarans [2.13, 2.16]. Some attention has also been given to roll reduction means, intended to mitigate parametrically excited roll, such as passive anti-rolling tanks [2.34, 2.77] and

active rudder stabilization [2.67, 2.90]. In the context of parametric roll, it is also worth mentioning the book in [2.82], where different authors have dealt with some of the mentioned topics, and also with other aspects of parametric roll resonance.

Studies on the dynamics of loss of stability have, instead, been more limited in number. In [2.36] a probabilistic approach was presented for dealing with pure loss of stability in irregular longitudinal waves. Comparisons between experimental results and numerical simulations have been instead reported in [2.39, 2.94].

In parallel to the already mentioned contributions regarding the development of SGISC, additional fundamental research studies have also been carried out with respect to surf-riding and broaching. In [2.5], a 6-DOF blended code (LAMP) was used to study the ship behaviour in following/quartering waves and an approach based on continuation analysis was also implemented which allows tracing equilibria and periodic motions. With the same goal, a continuation analysis approach was also used in [2.75]. A detailed investigation of yaw motion and low-speed-broaching in following/quartering waves was instead presented in [2.9], where rudder control was used in order to reduce undesired yaw motions. In [2.76] an approach based on an extended Melnikov method was presented for improving the semi-analytical determination of the (second) surf-riding threshold. While most of the studies are based on regular waves, research progressed also on two open points: the issue of providing a proper definition of surf-riding in case of irregular waves and the problem of providing proper tools for the identification of surf-riding occurrence from simulated time series. To this end, ideas and proposals have been provided in [2.39, 2.74, 2.91, 2.102].

Fundamental aspects of nonlinear roll dynamics in beam waves have also been subject of specific investigation, also in this



case in parallel to the already mentioned contributions specifically targeting SGISC. In [2.68] the inception of sub-harmonic roll motion was studied experimentally and also numerically with 1-DOF and 6-DOF models in the particular cases of bi-chromatic waves. Sub-harmonic motions in irregular beam waves have been experimentally observed and numerically simulated in [2.89]. In [2.73] the Melnikov method was used for determining the critical wave forcing leading to capsize using a 1-DOF approach, while in [2.41] the extended Melnikov method was used for the same purpose considering a 3-DOF mathematical model. An interesting and uncommon set of experiments and comparison with numerical simulations (1-DOF and 4-DOF) of roll motion in irregular beam waves and fluctuating wind have been carried out and reported in [2.59]. In [2.4] the beam sea condition was instead addressed from a more regulatory perspective, by proposing a procedure combining model tests and numerical simulations for the determination of a Weather Criterion GM limit curve.

A notable amount of research efforts was also observed regarding the development, tuning and use of blended codes for the simulation of large amplitude ship motions and manoeuvring in waves. Herein, the wording blended (or hybrid) codes is intended to identify advanced systems-based tools having the necessary characteristics for efficient time domain simulation of nonlinear large amplitude ship motions in waves. Due to the high level of semi-empiricism which is present in such codes, a variety of blended codes exist, in a variety of different “flavours”. However, in general, blended codes are typically embedding (or at least are expected to embed) nonlinear rigid body dynamics, Froude-Krylov pressure calculation on the instantaneous wetted surface of the hull, radiation and diffraction effects based on linear (or partially nonlinear) hydrodynamics, and, when necessary, appropriate models for manoeuvring forces, steering means, propulsors, mooring lines, wind effects, etc. Such codes can also be

considered, in most cases, as suitable tools for direct stability assessment in the framework of SGISC. In this respect, some general considerations have been provided in [2.70] regarding the characteristics of codes intended to be used for direct stability assessment in the framework of SGISC. In [2.86] an approximate technique was presented for speeding up the calculation of Froude-Krylov forces in blended codes. In [2.17] a blended 6-DOF code for the simulation of ship motions and manoeuvring in waves was presented, designed to determine, in addition to ship motions, also instantaneous loads on the vessel, and discussion was provided regarding the difficulties involved in creating a consistent and still numerically efficient model. A methodology was presented in [2.32] for improving the capabilities of the 6-DOF blended code FREDYN of taking into account water on deck by improving the estimation of the free surface elevation around the vessel. In [2.33] the main theoretical aspects at the basis of the development of the 6-DOF blended code TEMPEST have been described, and some comparison between numerically computed and experimentally measured forces have been reported. A detailed description of the modelling of hull lift and cross flow drag forces used in TEMPEST, together with some sample calculations, has been presented in [2.54]. The blended code NLOAD3D was used in [2.69] and an interesting conceptual link with EEDI related issues has been provided together with a series of useful information regarding the process of software tuning. In [2.71] simulations in following quartering long crested irregular waves were carried out using the blended code LAIDYN in conditions characterised by strong narrowing of the spectrum due to Doppler effect, leading to large rolling, and simulations in following quartering waves were also carried out in [2.100] using a two-time-scales mathematical model. In [2.14] the blended code NLOAD3D was used for the simulation of parametrically excited rolling motion in irregular sea, and a methodology, based on the use of coherence function, has been proposed for trying to discriminate between



parametrically excited roll and 1:1 direct roll resonance on the basis of the analysis of time histories from numerical simulation. Such methodology has later been used also in [2.52]. Other examples of use of blended 6-DOF codes can be found in, e.g.: [2.12] (NMRIW, phenomenon: parametric roll), [2.5] (LAMP, phenomenon: surf-riding & broaching), [2.68] (SHIXDOF, phenomenon: nonlinear roll in beam sea), [2.79] (phenomena: parametric roll, surf-riding and broaching).

With the increased possibility of using advanced nonlinear ship motions simulation tools for the assessment of safety in intact condition, and with the foreseeable possibility that such tool can be used within the approval process (e.g. through Direct Assessment in SGISC, or through SOLAS provisions for alternative design) or for defining ship-specific operational guidance, the issue of a proper validation has become of significant practical importance. However, the validation process (or actually, the verification, validation and accreditation process) of such complex, usually modular and partially semi-empirical, tools is not a straightforward task. This is especially true when considering strongly nonlinear behaviours (coexisting solutions, strong dependence on initial conditions, possibility of chaotic motions, etc.) and/or nonlinear motions in irregular waves (convergence of statistical estimates, non-Gaussian distributions, etc.). Proposal of general procedures and/or frameworks for the validation of modular codes for the purpose of large amplitude ship motions simulation have been described in [2.7, 2.42], while attention to metrics and acceptance criteria was given in [2.63, 2.65, 2.93]. Connected with the process of validation, is also the problem of uncertainty assessment/propagation in experiments and simulations, and of sensitivity analysis. Such topics have, unfortunately, received limited attention in the field of nonlinear ship dynamics. In this context, an uncertainty propagation study in case of simplified mathematical models for parametric roll was carried out in [2.53] and a sensitivity analysis

was carried out in [2.35] with respect to damping coefficient in a 3-DOF nonlinear mathematical model for parametric roll prediction.

In addition to the above, other specific topics related with nonlinear ship dynamics in intact condition have been addressed by a more limited number of contributions. Measurement and modelling of forces due to deck in water was the subject of the study in [2.6]. The use of artificial neural networks, as physics-free adaptable models, has received some attention as a tool for the very short term prediction of motions [2.78] and for parameter identification in physics-based mathematical models [2.8]. A database of experimental results from (semi-)captive model tests carried out on a fishing vessel in following waves has been described in [2.96], with the intention of providing reference data for the tuning of blended 6-DOF codes. Experimental equipment and techniques for ship motions tests in following waves, targeting specifically the case of small models were described in [2.95]. In [2.87], the problem of yaw instability of a turret moored FSRU in waves was addressed experimentally and numerically.

Ship intact stability has been well studied within a deterministic context, due to the nonlinear character that spans the extreme ship motions, especially the rolling motion, which could jeopardize ship safety. Nevertheless, the weather environment a ship operates is actually a random field. At the same time uncertainty covers other operational parameters. Therefore, a issue that stability researchers had to consider was the incorporation of random sea and wind in the nonlinear ship motion problem, something that it is not straightforward due to the nonlinear relation between excitation and response. Moreover, the next step was the integration of the associated hazards into a risk-based framework. Studies related to the abovementioned context are reviewed in the following.



Using numerical simulations to predict extreme events is often a popular choice to directly attack to the problem, however there are some issues related with the statistical treatment of the results, the, hopefully, rare character of capsize events and the respective validation of the models and methods of prediction. In [2.29] the “Envelope Peaks over Threshold” (EPOT) was used, comprised by a statistical extrapolation, allowing explicit account of influence of nonlinearity of GZ curve on roll distribution. From a similar viewpoint in [2.56] the EPOT method was used, combined with the FREDYN code, in order to produce the targeted Generalised Pareto Distribution. The authors suggest that the EPOT method requires the least number of simulations for reliable results of a rare event. A discussion on the EPOT method can also be found in [2.80]. Moreover direct counting and Poisson distribution fitting techniques have been examined in [2.43]. In this context, dangerous wave conditions that produce rare events through hydrodynamic simulations were defined. In addition, direct counting was used in [2.91] for the statistical analysis of surf-riding realisations observed as high-runs. A high-run was defined as the time segment in which ship’s speed is maintained higher than her expected one, and mean time durations of high-runs were calculated. An approach to generate the distribution of extreme values of parametric roll was presented in [2.44], by using a Design Load Generator (DLG), a process to approximate the extreme value distribution of a Gaussian random variable. Moreover, in [2.48] several alternatives were examined for the modelling the distribution of parametric roll including a Gram-Charlier series, the Pearson type IV distribution, and an approximation based on a moving average. It is also worth mentioning that probabilistic methods for the assessment of parametric rolling can also be found in some of the contributions in [2.82].

As mentioned before, the problem of rarity represents a challenge to be addressed. One possible method to deal with it is the statistical

extrapolation. In such method one aims to use data where the targeted event (e.g. a specified, large, roll amplitude) has not occurred and then appropriately extrapolate the data for carrying out predicting regarding the target event. In [2.99], features of the modelling of the tail of the distribution of peaks as a Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD), which can be derived from the Generalized Extreme Value distribution, have been examined. The key issue of this method is the appropriate selection of the threshold limit. Moreover, in [2.98] a multi-tier validation study for the statistical extrapolation method based on the Generalised Pareto Distribution was presented. The comparison was carried out considering the “true” values derived from numerical simulations by a direct counting method. The determination of confidence intervals for estimates of mean and variance from a time series, taking into account the correlation structure of the process, was examined in [2.88], with particular emphasis on simulations of roll motion. Another approach to the rarity issue of capsize is the so-called split time method [2.80]. For example, in [2.45] the split-time method for the evaluation of the time-dependent probability of broaching-to has been implemented, describing the development of a simple model of nonlinear surging and surf-riding response in following irregular seas. Furthermore, in [2.83], the split-time method has been utilised for the evaluation of the probability of capsizing for the case of variation of righting arm in waves, as in case of pure loss of stability. The threshold in roll angle was fixed and then the critical roll rate at the instant of up-crossing was calculated. On the other hand, the problem of nonlinearity has been attempted to be treated by the piece-wise method. In [2.19], capsizing has been considered as a sequence of two random events, up-crossing through a certain threshold and capsizing after up-crossing. A critical roll rate was introduced as a stochastic process defined at any instant of time. From a similar viewpoint, in [2.20], the capsizing probability of a Ro-Pax in dead-ship condition has been calculated by using the piece-wise linear



approach, and the correlation between winds and waves on the capsizing probability has been examined.

The concept of wave groups has been also utilised as they can constitute the critical wave episodes for the assessment of dynamic stability. In [2.22] experiments were described which have been performed in a model basin to generate groups of large-amplitude waves in irregular seas. Generation of asymmetric wave groups is the first step in the development of an experimental test technique that ensures a model will be exposed to multiple realistic extreme wave events. Furthermore, in [2.27], a method using wave groups to evaluate ship response in heavy seas was presented. Wave groups critical to ship response were defined, separating the complexity of the nonlinear dynamics of ship response from the complexities of a probabilistic description for the response. Finally, in [2.57] a comparison of two different methodologies for the calculation of exceedance rates utilising the same seakeeping code for the modelling of ship motion was presented. The first method refers to the critical wave groups approach and the second to direct Monte Carlo simulations. A discussion on the method of critical wave groups can also be found in [2.80].

Using stochastic differential equations represents another approach for the probabilistic treatment of nonlinear rolling motion. However closed-form solutions cannot always be derived in manageable form. In [2.21], new equations were derived governing the joint, response-excitation, pdf of roll motion, roll velocity and excitation, without any simplifying assumptions concerning the correlation and probabilistic structure of the excitation. Furthermore, in [2.61], the probabilistic characteristics of the long-time steady-state response of a half oscillator, subject to a coloured, asymptotically stationary, Gaussian or non-Gaussian (cubic Gaussian) excitation, are derived by means of the Response-Excitation theory. On the other hand, in [2.46], Gaussian and non-Gaussian

response of nonlinear ship rolling in random beam waves has been studied by moment equations. An automatic neglect tool was developed to handle the complex and untraceable higher order cumulant neglect method and capture the non-Gaussian effect of the nonlinear rolling phenomena. The developed tool was also used in [2.58], where dynamical systems forced by filtered Gaussian coloured noise were studied using Gaussian and non-Gaussian cumulant neglect methods, and, numerically, using the path integral method.

Finally, as mentioned previously, risk-based frameworks for the assessment of intact stability have been developed. For example, in [2.28], inland container vessel rolling due to the influence of beam gusting winds was investigated, and a critical analysis was given of the requirements of the European Directive for Technical Requirements for Inland Waterway Vessels. In [2.60], an overview and a critical analysis of the regulations for river-sea ships were given, and some of the existing regulations were evaluated from the probabilistic point of view. Moreover, in [2.30] a discussion was provided on the tolerable risk associated with the loss of a naval vessel due to the weather conditions. A review of tolerable risk and potential methodologies for calculating an annual probability of loss of the vessel using time domain simulations and statistics of observed weather conditions aboard naval ships was also presented. On the other hand, in [2.31], different intact dynamic stability methodologies that can be employed to naval ship design addressing dynamic stability in such a way as to minimize technical and safety risks in an economical manner have been discussed. Finally, in [2.55], a proper risk analysis and management framework was presented that can be brought into the process of stability control of naval ships by quantifying uncertainties, identifying and calculating consequences, and by developing status metrics that are based on risk-based calculations.



Based on the observed status, some directions could be suggested for future research. In case of research in the field of SGISC, two topics are likely to become of significant importance and require further research: direct stability assessment on one side, and associated development of ship-specific operational guidance on the other side. These two topics require development: of appropriate mathematical models, of verification, validation and accreditation procedures, and of appropriate application guidance. So far, most of the available experience regarding ship dynamics is based on the use of linear seakeeping tools, which are however not typically intended for being used in a regulatory framework. Bringing nonlinear time domain simulations of ship motions into the regulatory framework is going to be a challenging activity. With respect to parametric roll, nowadays it seems that the fundamental aspects of such phenomenon in regular longitudinal waves are quite well established. However, research is still needed in following/bow quartering waves and in irregular waves. In case of parametric roll in irregular waves, research is still necessary on more accurate estimations of the inception threshold, and on how to effectively model and handle the strong non-Gaussianity of the motion. In case of loss of stability in following waves, not much research efforts have been noticed in the analysed period. However, research would be useful regarding loss of stability in following waves, particularly in terms of characterization of roll motion in irregular sea. In case of surf-riding and broaching, two main topics could benefit from further research, namely: control/mitigation of the phenomenon, and description/definition of the phenomenon in irregular sea. In case of roll dynamics in dead-ship condition, it seems that a lack of information is present regarding the vessel behaviour in non-beam waves, since the beam-sea case is often considered as a reference condition for experiments and simulations. As a result, additional research on the topic of nonlinear rolling in quartering waves (where direct excitation and parametric

excitation combine) would be useful. For all these phenomena, and, in addition, for the increasingly important topic of assessment of ship motions and manoeuvring in adverse weather conditions, blended 6-DOF codes will likely show their usefulness. However, for a proper application of such tools, it would be useful to more thoroughly investigate uncertainty and error propagation, and to perform sensitivity analyses. Indeed, estimation of confidence on predictions, and identification of the most sensible parameters could help in identifying those blocks of the experimental/simulation chain where efforts are to be put to reduce uncertainty. In this respect, it is expectable that, roll damping modelling will play a key role. These aspects seem to have been given limited attention so far. Regarding the modelling of environment, in practice, most of the reviewed research has been carried out considering either regular waves or irregular long crested waves. Short crested irregular waves have been very seldom considered. This is understandable in case of experiments, due to intrinsic limitations of most facilities. However, this also reflects in most of the presented numerical investigations, since they are often compared with experimental data. As a result, information associated with short crested waves is rarely available. Also, detailed information associated with nonlinear ship motions in sea states characterised by non-idealised, more realistic sea spectra are largely missing. It is therefore useful that additional research efforts are put in the experimental and numerical assessment of nonlinear ship motions in more realistic sea conditions. This also means improving, when necessary, the modelling of wind actions, in addition to the modelling of action of waves. With reference to probabilistic approaches in intact stability, possible forthcoming studies could be envisioned. For example, one concerns the incorporation of CFD models into probabilistic methods and how the massive incurred computational cost could be appropriately decreased. Thus, the utilisation of critical realistic wave groups could be introduced in such assessments. On the other



hand, the work related with statistical extrapolation could pave the way in order to properly minimise the required data for the prediction of rare events within reasonable confidence intervals, keeping in mind that these models should appropriately reproduce the governing physics of the targeted problem. Furthermore, stochastic differential mathematical models that capture the nonlinear behaviour of rolling motions is also another worthwhile direction, however it should be reminded that up to now only primitive models of rolling motion have been used, thus questioning the practicality of this approach when advanced models are needed. Finally, one of the goals of the research in the field of nonlinear ship dynamics should always be to better understand the complex phenomena associated with the motions of a vessel at sea. However, in addition to this, one of the goals should also be to eventually transfer knowledge and tools from the level of research to the level of application (design/operation). According to the observed status of research and development, this goal is definitely achievable.

3. DAMAGE STABILITY

The subject of damage stability has arguably been in the forefront of developments relating to stability and safety research for the period of the last 30 years, with concerted large-scale initiatives taking place involving the research community, regulatory authorities and industry. During the review period considered in this paper research on damage stability has evolved in a number of diverse but interrelated directions, including direct simulations of motions in the damaged condition, research on the prediction of ship behaviour following progressive flooding and on experimental techniques, development of rules and regulations, probabilistic and risk-based methods and frameworks, integration of damage stability into ship design, research on safe return to port as well as on the importance of active operational measures for damage

mitigation and containment, and last but not least, accident investigations.

A number of studies for validation of codes for the direct simulation of ship motions in the damaged condition, including in most cases experimental validation, were carried out during the review period.

Numerical simulations and benchmarking against data from physical experiments of a generic RoPax ship have been performed, investigating how parametric variations can lead to establishing of survival limits outside which capsizing will not occur or certainly occur and addressing ship's survival as a time-independent problem, [3.16]. In order to validate a dynamical model accounting for coupling in ship motions and floodwater dynamics (coupling of flooding module with MARIN's software FREDYN), model tests were carried out on a generic destroyer model (1:40) with floodable internal compartments, [3.19]. The study reported in [3.20] focused on the validation of results of numerical simulations using the software tool (Shipsurv) which calculates motions, internal loads and survivability of damaged naval ships in seaways. Validation results for flooding case of a barge and cross-flooding case of a RoPax ship as reported during ITTC benchmark study were also presented. Numerical and scale model tests of a damaged cruise vessel were presented in [3.21]. Simulations and model tests were performed in calm seas and in regular and irregular waves whereas experiments were conducted at MOERI's ocean engineering basin. The numerical studies were performed with use of a quasi-dynamic CFD code. In [3.22] an application of the DoE (Design of Experiments) methodology in building a model for transient flooding was presented, which was tested through physical experiments on a model of damaged ship section (PRR02) subjected to 6-DOF forced oscillations. In [3.29] a methodology for coupling of a seakeeping solver (PROTEUS3) with a volume-of-fluid (VOF) solver was presented in assessing the behaviour of a



damaged ship in waves. Flooding and internal water dynamics was simulated by the VOF solver, while the seakeeping solver addressed the external fluid-structure interaction. Numerical simulations were then compared with experiments (originating from ITTC tests) in case of a Ro-Ro ferry in regular beam waves. The presence of floodwater onboard a vessel was simulated within the LAIDYN software using the lump-mass method [3.30]. The time varying mass of floodwater was pre-calculated through the NAPA Flooding Simulation tool in calm water. An example application for a passenger vessel was considered in the simulations carried out in calm water and in irregular waves. In [3.36] an investigation on the time to capsize for a RoPax vessel (M.S. Estonia) using both physical model experiments and computer based time domain simulations was presented. The computer model also included a two-dimensional multi-model sloshing model, composed by a non-linear near-resonance pendulum model and an acceleration ratio model at non-resonance used for calculating the transverse centre of gravity of ingresses water in the damaged compartment and on car deck. In [3.37] a study on the evaluation of the performance of cross-flooding arrangements using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) was reported. Computations for a simple arrangement including scaling effects were first carried out with model experiments performed for the validation of the computational results. Comparisons with the factors evaluated by the IMO simplified regression formulae were carried out. Computations for a complex arrangement was also carried out and compared with results from existing studies. A flooding extent prediction decision-support method including the intermediate phases of flooding was presented in [3.38]. The simplified, but reasonably accurate, algorithm was evaluated on the basis of test cases featuring comparisons to experimental data and time accurate flooding simulation results. In [3.39] simulation results addressing the probability to capsize and the flooding of ships in collision damages were presented. The results were discussed in the

context of the IMO regulatory concept for orderly abandonment for damaged passenger ships (in addition to the safe return to port regulatory provisions). Timely identification of the damage and the enhancement of survivability requirements were suggested as rational measures for improved survivability and safety of people onboard passenger ships. In [3.40] a numerical model for progressive flooding simulation was presented. The model utilises a direct approach in which the flow between the compartments is computed based on the Bernoulli equation and the current pressure heads at each intermediate step. The implemented approach makes use of graph theory in modelling the flooding paths. The developed method was validated by investigating the accident of the S.S. Heraklion occurred in 1966 and the results of the simulation method were compared with model tests of a barge performed at the Helsinki University of Technology in 2006. In [3.41] a CFD study for the flooding process of a fully constrained damaged compartment was presented, which was then extended to the flooding scenario of a damaged cruiser in calm water with 6-DOF motions. In [3.59], the Stability in Waves Committee of the 27th ITTC reported their investigation on how to deal with the ship inertia contributions due to floodwater mass from three points of view: (1) floodwater domain, (2) floodwater inertia itself, (3) floodwater entering the ship. The Committee suggested three criteria for accounting on floodwater dynamics in damage stability.

In many cases, progressive flooding is the determinant factor of ship capsizing or sinking. A number of investigations and research initiatives were reported on the subject of progressive flooding, including verification through experiments. In [3.5], the application of the pressure-correction technique for analysis of progressive flooding in a damaged large passenger ship was studied through a case study focusing on the efficient convergence of the pressure-correction iterations. In addition, a simple method for estimation of increased



flooding due to waves and implementation of pumping and closing of open doors into the pressure-correction equation were discussed. A numerical method capable of describing the progressive flooding of ships, accounting for complex subdivision arrangements, was presented in [3.6]. Numerical results were shown for the progressive flooding of the ITTC box-shaped barge. Comparison was made with experimental results aiming at validating the numerical simulation method and conclusions are drawn. In [3.7] the flooding phenomena with emphasis on transient and progressive flooding stages of damaged Ro-Ro ships were analysed and recommendations were proposed for an alternative assessment of the flooding process.

Research has also been reported on the use of experimental data for damage stability and survivability performance verification. A direct link of the s-factor with the time to capsize was discussed in [3.4] showing how to utilise experimental data from 30-minute test runs for the s-factor based on longer duration of tests. In [3.11] a series of experiments performed in calm water and in waves in order to study the motions and flooding process of a damaged cruise vessel were reported. The in-waves effects of inflow and outflow through opening and internal water motion were investigated in [3.12]. In [3.59] the work carried out by “The Stability in Waves” Committee of the 27th ITTC was presented, concerning the investigation of the significance of scale effects related to air pressure on flooding model tests under atmospheric conditions. Particular attention was given to effects associated with trapped air. The results were employed to update ITTC model test procedure for damage stability experiments.

Research on probabilistic and risk-based methods for the development of rules and regulations, and comparisons between different regulatory provisions has received great attention during the review period. A review and historical background of damage stability regulations with respect to Ro-Ro passenger

ships was presented in [3.14]. Some vulnerabilities of the probabilistic framework based on HARDER EU-funded project were highlighted in terms of specific modes of flooding and modes of loss typical to RoPax ships (low residual freeboard, flooding to car deck and presence of long-lower holds). The EU-funded project GOALDS was presented in [3.15] which is considered as the next step forward following HARDER project. Inconsistencies in predicting survivability of large and small passenger vessels, issues related to accumulation of water on deck (RoPax) and omission of grounding in the probabilistic framework were pointed out in this particular research work. In [3.24] issues related to evaluating probability of collision and subsequent hull breach leading to flooding of internal spaces of the ship were addressed. From this perspective, discussion focused on aspects of models used in evaluating risk from ship to ship collision. A comparison on the survivability assessment between SOLAS’s s-factor and Static Equivalent Method (SEM) was presented in [3.17] by two case studies of a RoPax ship Polonia and a box-shaped barge, identifying large discrepancies between SOLAS and SEM. In [3.18], middle-sized RoPax vessels were considered and comparisons were carried out regarding the level of safety achieved by SOLAS 2009 compliant vessels and ships compliant with SOLAS 90+SA (Stockholm Agreement). To this end limiting GM curves were compared. Limiting GM was also sought by means of model test. In [3.23] concepts related to capsize band were addressed and simple regression models were presented allowing for linking probability of capsize with sea state. In [3.25], a probabilistic model was presented for grounding damage characteristics (separately for full, non-full and all vessels) based on an updated accidents database proposed by the EU-funded GOALDS project. Also, an analysis was reported regarding the probability of breaching double bottom shells designed in marginal compliance with SOLAS Reg. 9 requirements. In [3.26] the importance of wave statistics in the survivability assessment



through “s-factor” within SOLAS2009 was assessed. The concept of “critical significant wave height” was discussed with particular attention to its dispersion for a given set of residual stability parameters as well as the importance of considering the “operational wave profile” of the vessel for obtaining more appropriate measures of survivability. The IMO work on SOLAS2009 requirements in the context of RoPax vessels was analysed in [3.27]. Open issues in SOLAS2009 regarding the accounting for water on deck were reported. The need for specific requirements for RoPax vessels, which could be vulnerable to fast capsizing in case of water accumulated on large undivided spaces was also discussed there. A historical overview regarding SOLAS regulations associated with watertight doors and discussed whether this regulatory treatment is still appropriate for passenger ships of the future was provided in [3.28].

Research on the development of probabilistic and risk-based methods for new regulatory and design frameworks extending the capabilities of current provisions was also a focal area during the review period. In [3.31], the sequence of ship collision, flooding and loss of stability within given time has been investigated on the basis of an interdisciplinary calculation procedure. The method looked at the interaction between structural and damage stability computations and has been used to study the significance of various parameters, such as significant wave height and size of damage. A direct comparison of probabilistic and deterministic regulatory frameworks for damage stability on a selection of Ro-Ro passenger vessels of various sizes has been undertaken in [3.32]. Both numerical and analytical performance-based assessment methods were utilised, highlighting inherent inconsistency in each framework. The study constituted an attempt to present state-of-the-art methodology for damage stability assessment appropriate even for non-standard designs. In [3.34], the development of an alternative formulation for the assessment of the survivability of a damaged ship in waves

was presented. The authors discussed briefly concerns related to the current survivability model and present the process of development that led to the re-engineered formulation. The proposed formula based on simple and rational model accounted well for size of the ship and floodwater dynamics. In [3.35], established numerical methods for the measurement of performance-based survivability have been utilized and used as benchmark against available analytical methods in an attempt to define a rational requirement for the level of survivability. Survivability analysis results on representative cruise and Ro-Pax ships were related to design and operational parameters with a view to define and quantify the relationships between damage survivability characteristics following a collision and time available for evacuation with potential outcomes in terms of people potentially at risk. In [3.42], a new methodology for probabilistic bottom damage stability requirements following grounding has been developed, which takes into account also the probability of safe beaching. The analysis of the probability of safe beaching was based on historical data (indicating about 80%) and a specifically developed methodology, also indicating large values. An alternative formulation for the probability of a compartment flooding following grounding (the p factor) based on the GOALDS database on grounding damage was proposed in [3.43]. To this end, original GOALDS formulations for the probability density functions of damage characteristics, which employed rational functions, were substituted by alternative ones based on exponential or triangular distributions, and this made it possible to arrive at a closed form for the p factor. In [3.47] the results of a study about the influence of the longitudinal subdivision in the lower cargo hold of a Ro-Pax vessel on the attained subdivision index calculated according to MSC.216(82) were presented.

Developments on the use, implications and application of probabilistic and risk-based frameworks for design and operational



purposes also received attention. A way forward for establishing a stronger foundation to safety assurance in the maritime sector and for future developments on the subject of damage stability of passenger ships was proposed in [3.48]. In [3.49], the implications of the GOALDS revision of the regulatory requirements for the damage stability of passenger ships upon ship design were investigated. In particular, the study addressed impact of differences between the SOLAS 2009 and GOALDS formulations of the s -factor. In [3.52], the impact of the SOLAS 2009 formulation on the design and operational characteristics of ROPAX vessels was investigated. An in-depth review of the adopted formulation were analysed and applied within a multi-objective optimisation procedure developed and tested on RoPax ships. The practical design implications of SOLAS 2009 were discussed from a shipyard perspective in [3.54], where attention was given to the problem of rules' interpretation on the attained A-indices and the consequent perception of the safety level, and attention was also given to the importance of a true safety culture during the design phase. In [3.62] a historical overview of regulatory framework from HARDER project up to SOLAS 2009 was given. The research work proposed a re-assessment of existing large passenger vessels, with retrospective application for vessels with attained index A significantly lower than the required index R. Furthermore, some interesting considerations were provided regarding the impact of the new regulations on the safety level of certain types of vessels. The safety level of pre-SOLAS90 and SOLAS90 vessels was examined in [3.60]. In this study, SOLAS2009 vessels were assumed to have the same safety level with vessels complying with the deterministic SOLAS90 standards. The study focussed on Cruise ships and RoPax vessels of 1,000GT and above. Casualties and associated data regarding fatalities were extracted from IHSF database. Potential Loss of Life (PLL) values were calculated for both categories. F-N curves were also determined and assessed against the ALARP region.

A final area of developments of probabilistic and risk-based methods can be found in the development and testing of contemporary approaches for advanced tools for risk-based assessment. A systematic approach in constructing risk models using Bayesian Networks was presented in [3.3]. An approach also based on Bayes Networks was presented in [3.53], where a risk model for assessing risk associated with the occurrence of a collision accident was described. In [3.33] a data mining framework for ship safety management was presented. The approach utilised Bayesian Networks as a risk modelling technique, and provides means for systematic extraction of information stored in available data. Particular emphasis was placed on the integration of aspects of damage stability into such a framework for an overall management of ship lifecycle safety. The Goal Based Design, as an alternative to Risk-Based Design, was discussed in [3.9]. A case study was presented in order to demonstrate integration and advantages of Goal Based Design within the design process. In [3.10] the SAFEDOR design platform, a stand-alone multi-disciplinary design tool, was presented. In addition to the feature of regular optimisation platforms, the tool brought in an innovative functionality allowing for capturing the dynamics of the design process. As a result, incremental improvements through design optimisation became a secondary purpose of the platform, while the primary one was design from scratch towards trade-offs and cost-effective concepts. Experimental tests and numerical studies, carried out in relation to the progress of flooding, were described in [3.51] in the framework of FLOODSTAND project. A new approach to flooding simulation for onboard use has been developed. The authors discussed application of stochastic modelling to ship capsizes and uncertainties related to the "time-to-capsize" have been analysed. In [3.55] a benchmarking study addressing survivability assessment of a small RoPax ship was performed according to three different probabilistic frameworks – SOLAS 2009, GOALDS and SLF 55. The results showed that



all three regulations results in comparable values of A-index and that there was considerable room for cost-effective design solutions resulting in attained safety levels well above the requirements for damage stability. In [3.56] the notion of vulnerability was used to present a concept of emergency response and crisis management in flooding casualties. Based on real catastrophic accidents (e.g. M.S. Estonia) they discussed inherent vulnerabilities in ship design and operation. This led to the concept of vulnerability management (identification, screening, reducing, mitigation and emergency responses).

Implications of contemporary issues such as safe return to port and the need for operational and emergency response measures has received great attention during the review period. A classification society's perspective on the Safe Return to Port requirements was discussed in [3.13], addressing residual operability of safety-critical systems onboard passenger vessels. The philosophy that the "ship is its best lifeboat" was highlighted by referring to potential issues relating to interpretation of the regulations, presenting relevant information to the master and its harmonization with the damage stability framework. In [3.50] the survivability assessment of damaged ships with respect to the coupled effects of structural degradation and damage stability in the context of the Safe Return to Port (SRtP) framework for passenger ship safety was assessed. The survivability was evaluated in the time domain with varying wave loads. An approach to safety in damaged condition for RoPax vessels was described in [3.61], embracing the full spectrum of measures (regulatory, design, operational and emergency response). A thorough and detailed discussion was presented regarding possible means and methodologies for the increase of safety of the vessels, using an holistic perspective, going from design to operation and, if necessary, emergency response.

Accident investigations are intended to determine the main and root cause of an

incident, to identify possible unsafe conditions and recommend actions to mitigate or ideally eliminate similar cases in the future. In this context, the capsizing of a 12,000 DWT bulk carrier which suffered heavy storm weather, when sailing in South-West Black Sea, was presented in [3.1]. The analysis focused on the circumstances of the accident as well as the sequence of events leading to loss of stability, capsizing and sinking. The catastrophic loss of Ro-Ro passenger ship M.S. Estonia who sank rapidly between Estonia and Finland was presented in [3.2]. The analysis focused on the use of a combined simulation and model test approach for analysing ship's sinking sequence. An accident investigation of the dredger Rozgwiazda which capsized and sank while being towed was discussed in [3.44]. The reason of the capsizing was sea water inflow to one hold and locker through opening of the hawse hole which had not been closed and properly secured on departure. The study presented most probable sequence of events and was accompanied with stability calculations performed for each major stage. In [3.46] the results of the accident investigation for S.S. Heraklion was presented including the reconstruction of the accident data available from a variety of original investigation reports, ship files and legal evidence. Ship's loading and post-damage behaviour was re-investigated and the flooding/ sinking of the ship were simulated in time domain. The same accident was investigated in [3.45]. The loss sequence was studied with use of an advanced numerical method. The study revealed interesting aspects of the earlier phase of the accident (before and during the flooding of the main garage deck). In [3.58], the capsizing of the French pre-dreadnought Bouvet during World War One (WWI) was investigated. The aim was to clarify hypotheses associated with the accident and to test modern tools against the well documented event. For that purpose both numerical computations and experiments were carried out. The investigation pointed to the presence of longitudinal bulkheads which, in case of breach in the compartment, allow off-centre flooding to induce a large heel angle and



the correctness of a recommendation for the installation of cross-flooding ducts, which was not followed during construction.

Following the review of the current status of research on the topics relating to damage stability as addressed above, some insight and suggestions can be provided for directions future research could take.

Regarding the assessment of damage stability, direct simulations of the flooding process is a topic which will continue to receive attention. Benchmarking studies of the various codes developed is still required as well as research on progressive flooding and the development of experimental techniques and procedures. Research on the development of simplified methods suitable for design and regulatory purposes, e.g. p-factors and s-factors, would eventually evolve to the development of integrated methods, for example, to include treatment of consequences from collision and grounding incidents. With the increase of computational capabilities, and with the dissemination of information for in-house development of tools for dynamic flooding simulations, it seems there is space for advances in this respect, moving little by little the use simulations from research to design, or some detailed aspects of design. Also, it is worth noticing that the introduction of SOLAS 2009, and subsequent current research, has changed the perspective regarding damage stability assessment from a design and a regulatory perspective.

On the associated topic of development of rules for damage stability, the research of project HARDER and other initiatives worldwide, lead to the introduction of SOLAS 2009 and subsequent developments at IMO. Recent developments in project GOALDS and projects led by EMSA will lead the way for possible future regulatory developments. Research has progressed regarding the possibility of improving the s-factor. Furthermore, research is ongoing regarding the introduction of a probabilistic regulatory framework dealing

with grounding damages. It is therefore likely that some attention will be given, in the near-medium future, to this topic. Furthermore, the introduction of the requirements for safe return to port by IMO, is directing additional research focus in the area of post-damage availability of essential ship systems.

The development of probabilistic and risk-based methods for damage stability and safety has received considerable attention. Risk assessment is extensively used for rule development purposes, cost-effectiveness analysis and the proposal of adequate safety thresholds. Simplified tools are developed for capturing the time-domain behaviour of the ship by means of simplified formulae (simplified time-to-capsize approaches). Different approaches are used for risk analysis, for example, fault and event trees, Bayesian networks, etc. There is a variety of research issues still to be adequately addressed, namely the availability and representativeness of the selected accident datasets used, integration of considerations of the effects of the human element, research on formal data mining methods to achieve proper filtering and clustering of the dataset used, the integration of simplified probabilistic models of the flooding process within current practice in developing risk models, the consideration of the full chain of events starting from pro-active measures aiming to reduce the frequency of collision or grounding incidents occurring, to the direct association with structural degradation leading to flooding and the assessment of mitigating the consequences of flooding, the treatment of uncertainties in the data used and uncertainty propagation within the chain of events considered, and finally, the assumptions made and parameters considered in developing representative frameworks for cost-effectiveness assessment which should include costs and benefits expected from the reduction of the frequency and consequences of the accidents to the society and the environment.

The area of design implications due to advancements in damage stability research is



set to receive considerable attention in the future. Current contributions relate to the development of design concepts and methodologies and multi-objective and multi-criteria optimisation techniques. This trend is to continue developing, particularly as research on design parameterisation and concept development and their integration within contemporary design practices. Associated areas of research which will definitely play a significant role are developments in post-damage availability of essential ship systems, and the consideration of active design and operational measures for accident prevention and mitigation of consequences.

Finally, regarding accident investigation, even though being pro-active is the appropriate approach for ensuring safety, it is a fact that, unfortunately, accidents still happen and will likely still happen in the future. Therefore best use should be made of the process of learning from accidents, for increasing the level of safety of the relevant engineering field in general, and the field ship stability in this particular context. Accidents data can therefore provide valuable information for software development, application and for a better understanding of the physical phenomena. The research carried out in this area during the reporting period, highlights the further need for use of advanced scientific methods for accident investigations. In addition, further efforts should be spent in promoting a better reporting of stability-related data (loading conditions, damage characteristics, openings, etc.) in all those accidents reports associated with stability-related accidents. Such data are indeed very important for a technical assessment of the accident and, possibly, for having at disposal quantitative information for historical data analysis.

4. STABILITY FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF VESSELS AND FLOATING OBJECTS

4.1 Fishing Vessels

From the stability point of view, fishing vessels may be treated as special due to a number of design features related to their operational requirements. Fishing vessels are also specific because of a well-known regulatory paradox: despite the fact that fishing is recognized as one of the most hazardous occupations, the major international regulations addressing various aspects of stability and safety are not mandatory for this type of ships.

The problem is particularly evident in case of small fishing vessels whose length does not exceed 24 m. A group of papers dealing with practical measures on how to tackle the safety of such vessels could be distinguished. The safety of small fishing vessels is the subject of [4.1.10] where the Safety Recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels, jointly developed by IMO, ILO and FAO, have been presented. In [4.1.4] a government-supported educational and advisory program was presented, that does not directly deal with the stability, but primarily addresses the safety-related habits of the crew (the Safest Catch program). On the other hand, the contribution [4.1.7] presented a cost-efficient iOS-based solution (an app) SCraMP, that supplies the fishing boat crew with a “safety index” (calculated upon measured roll, heave and pitch motions), roll period and metacentric height and warns of risks associated with large amplitude motions.

Another group of papers concerns the model tests performed either to investigate the accidents of fishing vessels or to gain a better insight into dynamic behaviour of vessels in seaway. The results of investigations into three accidents that occurred in Spanish waters were given in [4.1.1]. Again, the stability of the



small vessels is addressed: all the examined ships (two purse seiners that capsized in following/quarterming waves and a trawler that capsized in – most probably – beam seas) were below 24 m in length. The paper deals with a number of practical aspects of model testing. Experimental analysis of foundering of two Japanese fishing vessels was the subject of [4.1.9]. A purse seiner capsized in head waves and foundered due to a combination of improper loading and inadequate drainage of green water from the exposed deck. The examined stern trawler sank in matter of minutes in adverse weather conditions, after flooding of the engine room through watertight doors that were supposed to be closed. Both accidents pointed out the importance of proper stability management that seems to be often lacking on fishing vessels.

Model experiments are also used to validate mathematical models and numerical tools used in simulation of fishing vessel dynamics. In [4.1.3, 4.1.5] experiments with both physical and numerical models were used in order to test the decision-support system, based on artificial neural networks (ANN), that warns the skipper of the parametric roll resonance risk. Further research on this topic was presented in [4.1.8], where model tests were used for validation of a mathematical model that was later used in training of ANN for parametric roll prediction. The contribution in [4.1.6] reported on an in-depth research campaign, that made use of both model tests and sea trials carried out on a 23 m long trawler in order to validate a numerical simulator, developed within the scope of the study with an ultimate goal to gain understanding of the small fishing vessels behaviour in extreme seas.

In some papers, fishing vessels were not of the primary concern of the research carried out but were used in case studies or as sample ships. In [4.1.2] several capsizing accidents associated with freak waves were investigated, three of which involved fishing vessels.

Based on the reported papers it may be concluded that, presently, the research advances towards short- and mid-term solutions that would enable crew to gain an insight into dynamic behaviour of the vessel and take a more active role in risk avoidance. Small craft (below 24 m in length) were in the focus of the most of the studies. If some trend can be established, it appears that the research in this area moves away from the studies done in the past which mostly dealt with, conditionally speaking, a long-term approach to the safety of fishing vessels (e.g. development of the regulations).

It also seems that not many studies focus on specific design and operational features that pose a source of hazards for fishing vessels safety. In that respect, the dynamics of a vessel in case of the fishing gear malfunction or the loss of a paravane could be interesting topics. Similarly, the risks associated with the operation in ice conditions have not received any attention in the reviewed period. In past, some studies concerned with the effects of water trapped on deck were presented as well; it seems that this topic is not exhausted either. Finally, another valuable research direction was already reported in the section dedicated to the Nonlinear Dynamics: the stability of fishing vessels in light of the present framework of the Second Generation of Intact Stability Criteria [4.1.11].

4.2 Naval Vessels

Naval ships can also be considered as a special type of ships. At STAB 2009, Arthur Reed gave a keynote [4.2.1] about a naval perspective on ship stability and wrote: “A navy has the same concerns relative to stability failures that all ship owners, designers and operators have. The significant differences arise from the fact that a navy is not governed by IMO regulations ; that the naval vessel is often much more costly than a commercial vessel; and that the naval vessel may not have the luxury of avoiding dangerous weather



conditions when performing its missions, while a commercial vessel may be able to choose an alternate route. In addition to these differences, a navy often has access to more research and development funds to investigate these issues than the commercial builder and operator". Since this date there was a naval session during every STAB or ISSW. About four papers were presented each year, with the exception of ISWW2011 when there was no naval session, but nevertheless still some papers were presented addressing naval vessels.

As mentioned in [4.2.1], naval ships are governed by different rules than commercial vessel. Many regulations for naval vessels (e.g. those from United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and France) are coming from the original studies of Sarchin and Goldberg in 1962, as mentioned in [4.2.9]. Suggested criteria were based on the experience of two destroyers who sank during COBRA typhoon in December 1944. The two mentioned papers demonstrated the need for improvements in stability assessment methodologies, connected with the appearance of modern hull forms and the need for a higher level of safety. Several navies work on this subject by participating to the NSWG (Naval Stability Standards Working Group). The methodology described in [4.2.9] was based on two main parts: determination ship hydrostatics, on one side, and estimation of probability of capsizing through direct simulation, on the other side. Then an analysis was carried to find a correlation between the two, concluding that parameters related to GZ curve are more correlated with the simulated probability of capsize than form parameters, and that stronger results are obtained when considering GZ curves in waves. The last step for such an analysis would be to define a "tolerable risk level", and a justified choice for it was discussed in [4.2.8]. From setting the tolerable risk level, it could then be possible to set the corresponding limiting values of the stability parameters. Such a methodology is defined in [4.2.10] as "rules based on probabilistic dynamic approaches". Furthermore, in [4.2.10], other possible

approaches for rule-development are also described, that can be employed to naval ship design and that address dynamic stability in such a way as to minimize technical and safety risks in an economical manner, namely: empirically based rules, direct probabilistic assessment and relative probabilistic assessment. A global view of risk assessment method for naval ship design is presented in [4.2.18]. After a definition of risk (the etymology of the word "risk" is complex and, among various possible origins, it includes also a link with the concept of collision with rocks at sea) the paper introduces the Naval Ship Code (NSC) prepared by NATO with the objective to provide rules for naval ship design. Similarly to the process undergone at IMO, also NATO has followed the "Goal Based Standards" (GBS) approach, but taking into account the specific aspects associated with naval ships. In [4.2.19] an approach is described which is meant to include risk into the overall weight and stability control process, taking into account the uncertainty in weights and position of centre of gravity. Within this framework, it is proposed to add error bands on ship KG values, and to add multiple (colour coded) KG limit curves associated with known consequences (e.g. increase of heeling angles, margin line immersion, etc.).

Studies performed on a series of French frigates have been reported in [4.2.20, 4.2.26]. In [4.2.20] parameters related with the GZ curve are correlated to annual probability to capsize calculated by direct simulations using FREDYN. In [4.2.26], instead, results from direct simulations are compared with approaches based on simplified mathematical modelling. In this context, Melnikov method and measurement of the erosion of the attraction basin are used as tools for the analysis.

Dedicated numerical codes for simulation of ships in severe sea states are nowadays used for, and in some cases are necessary for quantifying the level of safety of naval vessels in intact condition. The US Navy has embarked



upon the development of a new blended (hybrid) computational tool, named TEMPEST, for simulating the nonlinear response of a ship in severe sea states, and the theoretical background of TEMPEST has been described in [4.2.15]. Another numerical code which has been used for investigating large amplitude motions for naval ship is FREDYN, developed by the CRNAV. With reference to FREDYN, in [4.2.13] an improvement of the code was described which was aimed at introducing the possibility of taking into account water on deck in an efficient way. Model experiments have been used to validate the code. A more comprehensive validation study of the code against experimental data is also presented in [4.2.21]. The validation was carried out by deterministically reproducing ship motions in experimentally measured wave trains. Also the progressive flooding module of FREDYN has been subject to validation, as reported in [4.2.14]. In particular, in [4.2.14] the simulation methodology was described (fluid considered with horizontal free surface at each time step and Bernoulli equation used for determining the flow through compartments), and simulations have been compared with dedicated model experiments. FREDYN was also used in [4.2.27], where results from a large number of direct simulations have been analysed using different techniques, and attention was given on how to report the outcomes using relatively simple and easily understandable visual indications.

As for commercial ships, operator guidance and training using shiphandling simulators are more and more used by navies and have encouraging potential for the future, as mentioned in [4.2.17]. Indeed, according to [4.2.17], the use of simulators for training in heavy weather can compensate the fact that mariners historically receive minimal initial formation on the topic of shiphandling in heavy weather (mostly relying on mentoring and hands on experience), and the fact that, in many present cases, the time actually spent at sea may represent a smaller portion of the mariner's career in comparison with the past.

In [4.2.16], a description was given regarding the interfacing of a state-of-the-art bridge simulator with the state-of-the-art numerical code FREDYN for the evaluation in real time of ship motions. A series of Naval Operator Ship Handling Workshops were held at the Royal Netherlands Naval College bridge simulator facility considering different simulation scenarios, and the feedback from different officers of the watch was clearly positive. Essential and desirable additional improvements for the simulator have also been identified.

An important subtype of naval ships is represented by landing craft. These ships are relatively small and they could be subject to stability-related problems, in particular due to the open vehicles deck. Moreover, as pointed out in [4.2.12], these ships present different characteristics compared with those more standard warships around which naval stability standards have been originally designed. As a result of this difference, specific rules for landing craft have to be designed, and progress made by Royal Navy in this direction have been described in [4.2.12] in accordance with the performance requirements of the Naval Ship Code. Similarly, a study by the Royal Australian Navy regarding motions and stability of landing craft was presented in [4.2.24]. Ship motions were investigated with and without water on deck using FREDYN. Also, the authors stressed the importance of a proper prediction of the roll damping, which is a critical factor for properly predicting ship motions and, for landing craft, it cannot be determined by usual tools. In [4.2.11] an example of instrumentation installed on a French mine hunter was described. The system was intended to help the crew in checking the stability of the ship, by using a traditional loads calculator but also a sea states estimator and a roll period measurement.

The tumblehome special naval ship hull form proposed by ONR has been the subject of several investigations. Although it constitutes a typology of scarce interest for commercial



shipping, this special hull form has been proposed, in some cases, to validate the IMO Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria, due to its possible vulnerability to certain failure modes. For the ONR tumblehome vessel, parametric roll was investigated in [4.2.25], while dead-ship condition was investigated in [4.2.22, 4.2.29]. For these papers, the approach was the same: development of numerical tools, comparison with Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria and, finally, determination of safe zone (KG and/or speed) and suggestion of improvement on numerical codes. CFD calculations, system-based prediction methods and experiments have been instead presented in [4.2.6]. Then, in [4.2.28] the tumblehome hull form was used to present an approach where few CFD calculations are carried out in order to tune a manoeuvrability model. Use of the ONR tumblehome hull form for addressing the following sea condition can be found in [4.2.7, 4.2.30].

Also in damaged condition approaches are used for naval ships which are different in comparison with commercial vessels. In [4.2.5] a very useful database of Polish naval ship accidents was referenced. A simplified approach was also proposed for the on board estimation of the time to sink due to flooding. This approach was validated against model test and indications were given regarding the need of tuning of permeability. Although there could debate on whether historical damage data from commercial ships can also be used for naval ships, in [4.2.3] data from the HARDER database have been used to derive deterministic damage extent for naval vessels. The proposed solution was to set the deterministic damage extent that naval ships should be capable of withstanding on the basis of the 50th, 80th and 95th percentile of damage extents as obtained from the available historical data, depending on a specified category of damage severity (limited/moderate/severe). In [4.2.32] the determination of the optimum number of watertight compartments was instead addressed from an original cost-benefit analysis point of view. The more usual approach for intact

stability analysis, based on comparison of rule's criteria with the risk evaluated by a direct time domain numerical code, has been used in [4.2.2] but for the more complex case of a damaged ship. The evaluation of ship performance was based on the use of an innovative index, referred to as the Relative Damage Loss Index (RDLI). In the contributions [4.2.4, 4.2.31] an interesting experience on the evolution of rules was proposed. As mentioned before, most of naval rules came from Sarchin & Goldberg studies in 1962. This is the case of Royal Navy rules, and in particular for damage stability criteria. One criterion in particular includes a dynamic allowance for heave and roll in waves. This aspect is taken into account by the so-called V-lines criterion. In [4.2.4, 4.2.31] an alternative methodology was proposed where numerical estimation of motions in waves was used in order to possibly extend the original approach to vessels of different type compared with those used by Sarchin and Goldberg.

With the exception of the previously mentioned Polish naval ships accident database, well documented naval ship accidents are rarely published. One very old event, namely the dramatic capsizing of the pre dreadnought ironclad Bouvet during World War One, has however been reported and discussed in [4.2.33].

In the considered review period, only one paper [4.2.23] was dedicated to submarines. In particular, the contribution in [4.2.23] dealt with the very special topic of Mathieu instability of surfacing submarines.

Some comments can then be provided regarding possible topics for further research. Behaviour of submarines, including the surfacing time, seems to be a complex problem which has unfortunately not very much investigated (or published). Therefore, further published analysis on this topic would be welcome. Then, as naval rules are based on quite old standards based on old hull forms, work is required in order to check if some



modifications are needed in order to take into account new hull form (including, for instance, tumblehome vessels or even multihulls). In this context, it would also be worth to collect and critically re-analyse the justification which was originally given for existing (old) rules. In the process of updating stability regulations, there is a need for determining the tolerable risk associated with rules, and to this aim it would be preferable to use advanced numerical codes. In this context, existing general codes could therefore need to be improved or adapted in order to deal with the particular features of naval ships. With respect to nonlinear ship motions in waves, one important mode of stability failure for naval ships is broaching. Research in this domain is therefore needed for naval ships, which could be required to safely operate at high speed in very severe sea states.

4.3 Inland Vessels

Although research in the field of inland navigation is active within various conferences and journals, the safety and stability of inland vessels has so far not received much attention in the STAB conferences and workshops. In recent years, only two papers dealing with the stability of inland vessels were presented in STAB/ISSW events. In [4.3.1] a probabilistic safety assessment of inland container vessels exposed to gusting beam wind was presented (see [4.3.2] also). A review and a probabilistic analysis of the ship stability regulations intended for the river-sea ships was given in [4.3.3].

What makes inland vessels special from the stability point of view? Even though the wind-generated waves, due to a limited fetch, could be disregarded in the analysis of dynamic stability of ships in inland waterways, there are other, quite specific environmental loads and potential hazards that ought to be taken into account. The strong, gusting winds, in particular in combination with other heeling moments and effects may induce both partial and total stability failures. On the other hand,

shallow-water sectors and periods of low water levels may cause grounding and contact. Some typical features of inland vessels, such as exceptionally low freeboards (some rules allow navigation with practically no freeboard) and carriage of non-fixed containers, are particularly important from the stability viewpoint. The river-sea navigation implies basically inland vessels (with few modifications) that operate in the coastal maritime stretches. Clearly, in such cases, the stability in waves should be assessed as well, having in mind the specific form and design features of river-sea ships.

Focusing on Europe only, perhaps the most important task of the future research is the improvement and harmonization of stability regulations. Both intact and damage stability rules intended for inland vessels are deterministic. In addition, the regulations imposed by the Directive 2006/87/EC (stemming from the Rhine Commission rules and valid on most of the waterways of European Union) are merely static stability requirements. Moreover, unlike in maritime transport, there is no common set of safety rules applicable to inland ships worldwide.

To carry out the aforementioned task efficiently, proper mathematical modelling of safety phenomena typical for inland vessels is required. Recent accidents on inland waterways in Europe warn against the oversimplified treatment of stability. The understanding and accurate modelling of weather phenomena (wind in particular) is of equal importance.

The notion of risk in inland navigation is a challenging topic too. Besides human casualties, environmental damage, loss of cargo and ship damage, accidents in inland navigation often yield an additional consequence: the suspension of navigation due to the waterway blockage. For instance, the tanker *Waldhof* that capsized in intact condition disrupted the navigation on the Rhine for 32 days in 2011, causing financial loss that amounted to EUR 50 million.



Finally, it is interesting to point out that the first practical implementation of the probabilistic approach to intact stability was realized in innovative rules for river-sea navigation, applied in Belgium and France. This seems to be a very promising track.

4.4 Other Types of Vessels and Floating Objects

Some contributions have also addressed some specific topics related with floating offshore structures. From a geometrical point of view, floating offshore structures are often characterised by shapes which are not elongated, as in the case of conventional vessels. This marked three-dimensionality can require reconsideration of, and/or elaboration on, concepts and calculation techniques for static stability and dynamics which are instead well consolidated for the case of conventional vessels. Contributions concerning static stability of floating offshore structures can be found in [4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.13], where the issue of a proper calculation of the calm water righting lever for floating structures of generic shape has been discussed. More specifically, the potential energy of the floating structure was used in [4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.13] as a fundamental tool to directly or indirectly determine the most critical ship restoring, and calculation methodologies have been proposed. Floating offshore structures have also been addressed from the point of view of nonlinear dynamics, since their shape and their possible mooring configurations can lead to the inception of ship motions governed by nonlinear phenomena. The behaviour of a long vertical cylindrical structure, representative of a spar platform, has been numerically investigated in [4.4.8] by means of an analytical nonlinear 3-DOF (heave/roll/pitch) mathematical model, indicating the potential occurrence of sub-harmonic roll motions for certain wave periods and height in regular waves. A long vertical cylindrical structure (mono-column), with different mooring configurations, has later been studied

experimentally and numerically in [4.4.14]. Sub-harmonic motions (pitch and roll) have been observed, both in regular and in irregular waves, with different response patterns depending on the mooring arrangement. Still remaining in the field of nonlinear motions, in [4.4.9] large amplitude sub-harmonic yaw motions have been observed, both experimentally and by using a 7-DOF nonlinear mathematical model, in regular waves for a system comprising a TLWP (Tension Leg Wellhead Platform) connected to a nearby moored FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel). The study presented in [4.4.1] was instead more related with design and rules assessment, presenting an analysis of the effect of uncertainty of some parameters (most notably the position of centre of gravity) on the overall assessment of static stability criteria for an FPSO.

Nonlinear ship dynamics in the particular case of multi-hull vessels has also been considered. Roll restoring variations and parametric roll in case of trimaran vessels have been addressed experimentally in [4.4.6], by measuring roll restoring in waves and identifying conditions of occurrence of parametrically excited roll motion. The topic of parametric roll for a trimaran vessel was also investigated in [4.4.7], where instability regions and roll response curves were experimentally determined and compared with predictions based on a 1-DOF mathematical model. Another type of multi-hull, a semi-SWATH, was considered in [4.4.11] in case of following waves. In the study, a 3-DOF (heave/pitch/surge) mathematical model was developed and used to investigate the occurrence of the phenomenon of bow-diving and to assess the possibility of its reduction through active or fixed fin stabilizers.

Phenomena specifically relevant to mono-hull high-speed craft have also been subject of some contributions. In [4.4.12], the roll restoring moment of a planning craft operating at planning speeds was investigated experimentally and by means of two different



mathematical models. In [4.4.19] an experimental investigation has been reported regarding the occurrence of the spinout phenomenon for a radio controlled high-speed craft model.

Furthermore, specific aspects of other special vessels/units have been addressed. A discussion has been provided in [4.4.12] regarding operational aspects and specific static stability issues of float on/float off (FLO/FLO) heavy-lift semi-submersible vessels during the de-ballasting phases. In [4.4.15] a numerical study was presented regarding second order forces for a series of variants of a semi-submersible floating structure. The second order drift roll moment was investigated because it was considered relevant to the observed possible occurrence, for this type of floating objects, of steady heel angles in head sea. In [4.4.18] the same phenomenon was investigated experimentally by considering three configurations of a semi-submersible (bare hull, with vertical barriers, and with sponge damping layers) in head waves. A weathervane turret moored floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) was instead the subject of the study presented in [4.4.16]. The study provided an experimental investigation on the behaviour of yaw motion in regular and irregular waves, identifying regions of wave periods associated with the inception of yaw motions with large non-zero mean. Such regions have been linked with regions of instability of low-frequency yaw under second order forces, and numerical/analytical calculations have been carried out to predict such regions. Interestingly, the observed behaviour shows similarities with yaw instability during towing operations as presented in [4.4.17, 4.4.21].

Sailing yachts have been considered in [4.4.5]. The effects of size on the stability and safety of very large sailing yachts have been discussed from a design perspective, also in view of a reported series of wind tunnel experiments addressing wind heeling moment.

In addition to floating objects, also helicopters and Wing-In-Ground (WIG) craft have been given some attention. In [4.4.3], a study has been presented on anti-capsize floatation devices fitted on a helicopter. Two technical solutions have been considered, and results of static stability calculations and capsize model tests in irregular waves have been presented to assess the effectiveness of the solutions. The topic of WIG craft has instead been addressed in [4.4.20], where the take-off phase of a WIG craft has been numerically studied by means of a 3-DOF mathematical model (surge/heave/pitch).

Particular static and dynamic characteristics of floating offshore structures undoubtedly represent an opportunity for continuous research. However, the observed quantity of contributions within STAB/ISSW indicates that this opportunity seems not to have been fully exploited in the observed period of time, and possibility for improvements is clearly available. The strong three-dimensionality of (most) floating offshore structures represents a challenge for research on the development of new specific approaches or for the extension of tools and concepts originally developed for static and dynamic analysis of conventional ships. In fact such concepts/tools/methodologies of analysis often embed, implicitly or explicitly, assumptions and/or simplifications based on the elongated shape of conventional vessels, and can therefore become unsuitable if naively used. Moreover, the frequent presence of mooring lines in the configuration/operation of offshore floating structures add a further degree of complexity (also for ship-shaped floating objects) which is typically not considered for conventional freely floating vessels. Multi-bodies interaction, with associated increased system complexity, is another distinctive feature of offshore applications which is not considered in the typical analysis of freely floating/free running vessels. These general aspects, combined with the reported evidence of specific stability-related issues pertinent to floating offshore structures, provide sufficient



ground to suggest an increase of interest and efforts on this topic in the future. It should also be considered that floating offshore structures are, typically, high-budget designs. As a result, high-end technologies, tools and concepts can be more easily accommodated within the design flow compared with conventional vessels. This aspect could be seen as a facilitator in the process of transferring research outcomes to practice.

Somewhat similarly to offshore floating structures, multihull vessels would also be worth additional attention in the future, with the aim of addressing stability-related design aspects and developing and/or improving specific models for prediction of ship motions and manoeuvring in waves, which can better take into account the hydrodynamic interaction between hulls.

High-speed craft are also associated with specific technical issues and specific dynamic phenomena. High-speed craft have been traditionally handled, mostly, outside STAB/ISSW framework. However, the high speed of such vessels has consequences on many stability-related aspects: stability is no longer governed by hydrostatics and hydrodynamics plays a fundamental role also in calm water, damage stability safety is governed by damage dimensions not in line with conventional low-speed vessels, dynamic phenomena occurring on high-speed craft are often so specific that they cannot be observed in conventional low-speed vessels, methodologies for ship motions and manoeuvring in waves for high-speed craft require significant re-thinking and re-modelling compared with those used for low-speed conventional vessels, etc. . Therefore, it seems there could be justification for trying, in the future, to increase the attention on this topic from the perspective of stability and (nonlinear) dynamics also within STAB/ISSW.

In general, what is clear from the analysis of the available STAB/ISSW literature on special types of vessels/floating objects, within

the considered time period, is that, as expectable, peculiarities of the design eventually reflect on peculiarities of associated issues and phenomena. This fact should therefore be seen, and exploited, as an opportunity stimulating curiosity, research and development.

5. ROLL DAMPING & ANTI-ROLLING DEVICES, CFD FOR SHIP STABILITY, AND MODELLING OF GRANULAR MATERIALS

An accurate prediction of roll motion is of fundamental importance when ship safety is assessed. In case of an intact ship, the accuracy in the prediction of roll motion is, for a large set of dynamic phenomena, strongly dependent on the accuracy in the prediction of roll damping. In parallel to this, the fact that roll damping is, for conventional ships, governed by viscous effects, makes accurate roll damping prediction a very difficult task. Roll damping estimation and modelling have therefore represented important topics of research in the field of ship stability. In the considered review period, the subject of roll damping has been addressed from different perspectives and using different approaches.

The most commonly used approach for the estimation of roll damping has been in the past, and still is, based on semi-empirical methods. In this context, a simplified version of the well-known Ikeda's method was presented in [5.5], where regression formulae, derived from systematic application of original Ikeda's method, were proposed for the estimation of the various roll damping components. The approach has also been implemented within the framework of IMO Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria. In [5.4], following application examples, warnings have been given regarding the application of Ikeda's method to vessels with characteristics not in line with the original sample used for the development of the method. Proposals for improvements in estimation of bilge keel roll



damping in case of shallow draught vessels, large rolling amplitude and non-uniform flow can be found in [5.10], while proposals for improvement of bilge keels roll damping modelling within time domain simulations have been presented in [5.18, 5.34]. The issue of proper modelling of roll damping in time domain simulations, in particular in case of large amplitude roll motions, has also been addressed in [5.9]. In [5.9] it was proposed to use different roll damping models at different rolling amplitudes, i.e. for regions assumed to be associated with substantially different physical phenomena (e.g. bilge keels or deck in water/out of water). The necessity of improvements in the modelling of bilge keels effects was also claimed and discussed in [5.16], with particular attention to the application in time domain simulation of large amplitude ship motions in waves, with or without forward speed.

Although semi-empirical methods still remain a reference tool for the prediction of roll damping, in the considered review period a significant number of studies have been presented where CFD techniques have been used with the intention of analysing roll damping (herein the short wording “CFD” is intended to refer to computational fluid dynamics techniques aimed at solving Navier-Stokes equations including viscous effects). In [5.17], forced roll motions (1-DOF - fixed roll axis) in calm water and beam waves have been simulated with CFDSHIP-IOWA. Large amplitude rolling motions up to 35deg and forward speed have been considered, with attention given to forces acting on bilge keels. CFD simulations using the commercial code Fluent have been used in [5.33] to study possible interaction effects between bilge keels plates. Such effects were considered to be the possible source of disagreement between experimental results and semi-empirical predictions based on Ikeda’s method for a vessel with round cross sections fitted with bilge keels. Comparisons between experiments, semi-empirical predictions based on Ikeda’s method, and CFD simulations using Fluent,

have also been reported in [5.38] in the study of shallow water effects on roll damping for 2D sections. 1-DOF roll decay and forced roll motion of DTMB5415 have been simulated in [5.39] using the code SURF, and an analysis of flow field and pressure distributions with and without bilge keels has been reported. The same hull form was also used in [5.26], where roll decays (see also [5.15]) and forced roll motions have been simulated using the commercial code Fluent. This study also showed some forced roll simulations which are reported to have been carried out at full scale. A numerical study on roll damping, with simulations reported to have been carried out at full scale using the commercial code STAR-CCM+, was presented in [5.31] for a twin-screw RoPax ship, allowed to rotate around a fixed axis through sliding meshes. The influence of roll amplitude (up to 35deg), ship speed, vertical position of the roll axis, presence of bilge keels (with possible emergence/re-entrance) and presence of rudder have been thoroughly investigated, and comparisons have been reported with semi-empirical predictions based on methods of Ikeda and of Blume. The influence of degrees of freedom (sway/heave/roll) left free in roll decay has been addressed in [5.19]. Numerical simulations have been carried out using the solver ICARE for DTMB5512 at model scale, and then compared with experiments. Results confirmed a known characteristic, i.e. the fact that roll decays with prescribed fixed axis are often not representative of the actual ship behaviour, due to lack of coupling of roll with, mainly, sway, which should then be left free.

For practical limitations, the large majority of data regarding roll damping are available from model scale experiments. CFD techniques have been used in some cases to try predicting full scale roll damping, although corresponding validation is typically missing. However, in [5.30] a unique set of results have been presented regarding roll decays with forward speed carried out at full scale (through rudder action) for a modern Panamax Pure Car and Truck Carrier (PCTC). Full scale data were



then compared with experimental results at model scale and with predictions based on Ikeda's method. For the extraction of full scale roll damping coefficients, a method of analysis of full scale roll decays was also presented combining the classical 1-DOF model with a polynomial function aimed at removing low-frequency experimental disturbances. Different analysis methods for determining roll damping from roll-decay experiments have also been discussed in [5.11, 5.19, 5.20].

Anti-rolling tanks have also been given attention in a series of contributions, and they have been studied using analytical methods or by means of CFD approaches. In this latter case, preference was given to meshless methods such as MPS (Moving Particle Semi-implicit) and SPH (Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics), thanks to their capabilities of handling violent sloshing flows which often occur in free surface anti-rolling tanks. An analytical model for a (passive/active) U-tube anti-rolling tank has been coupled in [5.12] with a nonlinear 3-DOF model (roll/heave/pitch) for parametric roll assessment. In [5.27], MPS has been used to simulate 2D flow and resulting forces in a U-tube tank and in a rectangular free surface tank, coupling the tank with a 1-DOF roll model for parametric roll, and comparing simulations with experiments. In [5.1], SPH has been used to simulate 2D flow and resulting forces in a free surface rectangular tank, free to rotate around a fixed axis, and forced by a sliding mass (an archetypal 1-DOF mechanical model for roll motion). Experimental results with fluids having different viscosity have been compared with simulations. The SPH approach has later been extended to 3D simulations, taking advantage of parallelization on graphical processing units (GPUs), see [5.28].

As an active anti-rolling means, rudder-roll stabilization has also been considered. The use of active rudder-roll stabilization to mitigate parametric rolling has been studied in [5.21] with a blended 6-DOF code (in 6-DOF and in 3-DOF configuration), and in [5.36] with a 4-

DOF model. In [5.23], instead, an unusual active anti-rolling device, based on a controlled wing assumed to be placed beneath the hull, has been proposed and studied numerically. An extensive control-oriented review of the development of, and challenges associated with, some active anti-rolling means (fin stabilizers, rudder, gyro stabilisers) can be found in [5.32].

As described above, an increasing application of CFD techniques has been observed in the fields of roll damping prediction and anti-rolling tanks performance assessment. CFD techniques have increasingly been used also for more general purposes in various additional contributions. Direct CFD simulation of free running ship motions in waves are still a too time consuming task for systematic application. However, a series of contributions combining simulations using CFDShip-Iowa, experiments and systems-based simulations for the ONR Tumblehome, have shown that, on one side, CFD techniques are becoming a reliable surrogate for model experiments and, on the basis of this, CFD simulation can be used as reference data for tuning more classical system-based approaches. For example, in [5.3] free running and semi-captive conditions in waves have been considered, giving attention to following waves, and to the occurrence of surf-riding, broaching and periodic motions. Semi-captive conditions have also been addressed in [5.6] for the HTC container vessel in bow and head waves. Further, in [5.13] ship motions and manoeuvring in calm water and in waves (turning circle and zig-zag) have been considered and a 4-DOF system-based model has been tuned making use of CFD results. A similar approach was also used in [5.22], considering manoeuvrability in following waves (straight running, course keeping, zig-zag) (see also [5.35]).

CFD techniques have been used not only for the case of intact vessel, but also for the case of damaged vessel. In this case, together with the inherent complexity in simulating the



fluid within the ship internal layout, one of the most challenging difficulties is the simulation of the fluid motion considering both internal and external hydrodynamics. In [5.2] a volume-of-fluid (VOF) approach was used, among other applications (dam break and tank sloshing), to simulate the progressive flooding of a compartment. The free flooding of a compartment, as well as the flooding of a freely floating 2D box and an internal sloshing problem, have been addressed in [5.7] by means of a 3D parallel SPH approach. The commercial code Fluent was instead used in [5.8] to simulate the progressive flooding due to side damage, and the consequent motions, of a freely floating 3D barge. Air compressibility was taken into account and dynamic meshing was used. CFD simulations of flooding process in calm water (with and without ship motions), roll decays (intact & damaged condition) and motions in regular beam waves (intact and damage), have been carried out in [5.25] with CFDSHIP-Iowa for the SSRC cruiser. In the simulations 6-DOF have been considered, and results have been compared with experimental data. Roll decays in damaged condition have also been simulated in [5.15] assessing also the influence of free or fixed sway. A mixed (blended) computational approach has instead been used in [5.14] to simulate ship roll motion in beam waves. In the proposed approach, external hydrodynamics has been addressed by the blended 6-DOF code PROTEUS3, while internal flooding has been addressed by means of a VOF approach. In [5.24], the SURF code has been used to simulate the flow behaviour through cross-flooding arrangements, and outcomes have been compared with experiments and with IMO guidelines as given in MSC.245(83).

An important aspect to be borne in mind when addressing ship stability, dynamics and safety, is that not all the cargoes onboard can be categorised as single rigid blocks, or as standard fluid cargoes. This is the case of granular materials, which are made of a huge number of interactive constituent small bodies, with their own specific behaviour and specific

interaction characteristics, depending on the material. As a result, granular materials behave differently from both a single rigid body and from a Newtonian fluid. As such, they pose risk to the safety of the vessel, and require special treatment in simulations. In this respect, contributions have been given in [5.29] regarding the direct simulation of granular materials (see also [5.37] for an extension of the analysis). In [5.29, 5.37], different available simulation approaches have been described and a soft sphere molecular dynamics approach was eventually detailed and used in a series of example calculations.

Considering the observed status of the research in the addressed topics, it is eventually possible to provide some comments and suggestions for possible directions of future research.

Roll damping is clearly a fundamental subject in the field of ship motions and stability. Indeed, an inaccurate prediction of roll damping can render useless even the most accurate ship motions model, if this is intended for roll motion prediction and ship safety assessment. Despite this is a very well known situation, it is evident that semi-empirical methodologies, i.e. the type of methods which are more likely to have a more widespread use, are still today showing difficulties in providing predictions systematically agreeing with experimental data. It is therefore of utmost importance that such methodologies are improved and/or updated, in order to give to designers and researchers, more precise, and still fast and easy to use, tools for roll damping prediction. Accurate predictions of roll damping are not only relevant when direct ship motions simulations are carried out. They are also relevant when roll damping becomes a factor within intact stability regulations (as it is the case, for instance, of the Weather Criterion and in some methodologies within the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria). In this context imprecise roll damping estimations can lead, eventually, to uneven levels of safety for vessels complying with the criteria. More



accurate prediction tools could also promote a virtuous design practice aimed at increasing the ship roll damping. Improvement of roll damping estimation should also be pursued at the level of modelling. While the concept of amplitude/frequency dependent linear equivalent roll damping as a substitute for nonlinear roll damping is suitable for frequency domain approaches, this is not the case when time domain large amplitude simulations are to be carried out. In this case, reliable time domain models need to be used. There is space, in this context, for improving present modelling of roll damping moment (which is mostly based on a nonlinear roll damping depending on roll velocity) in order to better account for phenomena occurring at large rolling amplitudes. Also, efforts should be spent in improving the modelling of roll damping when the ship is at forward speed and when the vessel is free running in waves, and in order to better understand to what extent information from roll decays in calm water can be considered appropriate for large amplitude ship motions in waves. Such type of improvements would largely benefit the accuracy of prediction of blended large amplitude ship motions codes. Scale effects in roll damping represent another topic which would benefit from further elaboration. Full scale experiments have been limited, and considering the associated difficulties, this is understandable. However, examples have been shown that carrying out full scale experiments is feasible not only for naval ships, but also for civil vessels. Additional, possibly systematic (e.g. at sea trials), efforts in this respect could therefore be recommended, with the aim of considering cargo, and possibly passenger, vessels. Together with the improvement in the predictions of roll damping, also prediction method for rolling period should be improved. Indeed, the rolling period represents a key aspect governing the dynamics of the vessel. Inaccurate predictions of such quantity inevitably lead to imprecise dynamic simulations. Since the added mass/inertia affecting the actual roll period is typically well predicted by nowadays standard linear

seakeeping codes, it means that efforts should be spent in improving the methodologies for predicting dry radii of inertia.

Direct CFD approaches have gained increasing attention, especially thanks to the more widespread availability of suitable computational resources. Although some research has been carried out on using CFD approaches for directly simulating the motions of an intact free running ship in waves, the associated computational time is still prohibitive. However, such tools can be used in a virtuous combination with existing systems-based approaches (which are typical of blended ship motions codes). Useful research could therefore be directed into a more extensive validation of CFD tools, and on the use of such tools for tuning, or developing, appropriate, simpler and faster, mathematical models. This could typically include roll damping from decays, manoeuvring forces, forces due to appendages, wind effects, etc. Some use of direct CFD computations has been reported also for the damaged ship condition. Also in this context complete direct simulations are still prohibitively time consuming. However, similarly to the case of intact vessels, direct CFD simulations could be used to better tune semi-empirical progressive flooding tools (e.g. tuning of discharge coefficients). CFD approaches, in both intact and damaged condition, after proper validation, could be used not only for tuning, but also for producing surrogate (with respect to experiments) validation data for checking more simplified, semi-empirical, approaches.

With reference to anti-rolling devices, contributions have been provided for different types of system. Anti-rolling tanks (U-tube and free surface) continue, as in the past, to be a topic of interest. Additional interest was given to rudder-roll stabilization. With the increased availability of computational resources, anti-rolling tanks could be targeted for more in depth studies on the, possibly nonlinear, characteristics of the coupled tank-ship system. This could help in providing better tools at the



design stage, and better information to the masters for operating vessels with such devices. Also, interest should be given to understanding whether, for passive devices, present knowledge and calculation and experimentation capabilities could allow to take such systems into account within intact stability regulations dealing with ship dynamics. Going to rudder-roll stabilization, the observed interest could benefit from a virtuous link with the field of controls, combining existing knowledge in such field, with more advanced dynamical models typical of the field of ship stability. In terms of active systems, it would be beneficial to dedicate more efforts to the modelling and assessment of active anti-rolling tanks, especially in case of large amplitude nonlinear motions.

A limited number of contributions have been provided on the interesting emerging topic of granular materials, which is relevant to certain types of cargo. Being such materials different from a perfectly solid or a perfectly Newtonian fluid cargo, a better understanding is necessary regarding the impact of granular cargoes in dynamic conditions. Also, this topic of research could be linked with the issues associated with the inception of liquefaction. Considering the limited availability of research in this specific context, the interest and complexity of the phenomenon, and its importance for the safety of certain types of vessels, it is expectable, and desirable, that further experimental and numerical studies will be carried out in the future.

6. SHIP STABILITY IN OPERATION

Enhancing the stability of ships during their operation could be a challenging task considering the uncertainty that spans the various operational parameters such as the weather and loading conditions as well as the human reactions in critical situations. On the other hand, the large amplitude response of a ship in random seas and the various instabilities that may appear have been well

studied, while probabilistic methods and numerical simulation tools have been already incorporated in the design process. Moreover, it should not be disregarded that operational guidance is also considered as an important element in the second generation intact stability criteria. However, stability failures, either affecting ship's safety or cargo's integrity still occurring, and thus, it becomes obvious how all the knowledge gained from the above fields could be appropriately utilised in the operation of a ship.

One of the available methods is through the operational guidance to ship's master based on numerical simulation tools. A respective study was presented in [6.1], where polar diagrams of maximum acceptable significant wave height versus the seaway period and wave direction for different speeds and load cases were shown for the cases of excessive motions and accelerations for containerships in heavy seaways. In [6.8, 6.12] another approach was considered where stability limits for pure loss of stability and parametric rolling were derived from GM variation spectra calculated from stability variation RAO's and arbitrary seaway spectra based on linear response theory. The approach was evaluated in comparison to real stability incidents and time-domain simulations, and the importance of proper representation of the wave environment was highlighted.

From another viewpoint, one could take advantage of the direct measurements of ship motions in order to predict, and subsequently advice on stability in order to avoid possible forthcoming undesiring events. In [6.6], an approach for assessing parametric roll resonance based on roll motion time series was presented. The approach utilized the time varying autoregressive modelling procedure and parametric roll was detected by studying the characteristic roots of the time varying autoregressive operator. Additionally, in [6.14] an alternative autoregressive modelling procedure for parametric roll detection based on time series analysis was examined in order



to decrease the required computational cost. In this case, an exponential autoregressive modelling procedure was applied. On the other hand, in [6.10] it was demonstrated that influential parameters of the encountered wave pattern, such as peak frequency and amplitude, can be detected through the monitoring of heave and pitch motions, which were considered as signals with time-dependent spectral content. In [6.9] an application was described for implementation in mobile phones and similar devices. Utilizing built-in accelerometers and gyroscopes, the application can provide low budget operators, like fishermen, with ship motion recordings, information about natural roll period and GM, and a safety index reflecting the severity of the motions.

In a similar manner, on-board tools can be utilised in order to optimise, in real time stability and provide the appropriate guidance to the crew. In [6.7] a 1-DOF simulation model was proposed as a candidate to use for generation of real time on-board guidance in terms of parametric rolling. Typical results were in the form of polar plots of roll amplitudes that could be presented to the crew to indicate dangerous zones with respect to parametric rolling. Furthermore in [6.13] a description was given of the practical implementation methodology of an artificial neural network (ANN) system for parametric roll prediction, which can be integrated in a fishing vessel for onboard stability guidance. A 1-DOF mathematical rolling model was used instead of expensive and time consuming towing tank tests for the training of the ANN.

On-board safety assessments can significantly enhance operational guidance to the crew also in critical conditions. From the viewpoint of damage stability, the contribution in [6.4] highlighted the challenges in real-time simulations of complex physical processes and/or evaluation of random scenarios by presenting real flooding scenarios leading to significant loss of life. The importance of time

in crises management and consequences mitigation was therefore illustrated.

Various methodologies have been presented for the accurate prediction of sea conditions. In [6.5] a method for on-board sea state estimation was explored and validated. Based on the wave buoy analogy the method builds on comparison between measured and calculated ship motion response spectra and minimization of the error to obtain the parameters of a sea state spectrum formulation. Besides, in [6.11] computational issues associated with the identification process of the wave spectrum on the basis of indirect dynamic measurements of oscillation motion of the dynamic object in a seaway were examined, specifically the parametric identification based on the adaptive model that can be carried out in the on-board intelligent system.

Providing the right information to the crew will not ensure safe operation if crew's training in critical weather conditions is not sufficient. A discussion was offered in [6.3] on the growing trend of turning to new technologies in heavy weather ship-handling training, which complements the traditional education relying on mentoring and experience. The importance of fidelity (virtual reality) in simulators was mentioned, in terms of real time 6-DOF large amplitude motions. This issue was also discussed in [6.2] where a benchmark study for the coupling between a bridge simulator with a nonlinear blended sea-keeping code (FREDYN) was presented. The incorporation of advanced numerical tools in bridge simulator could enhance the training of the heavy weather ship-handling.

Operational guidance has revealed, without doubt, its importance in preventing ship accidents associated with stability failures. Polar plots based on extensive time-domain simulations for all sea states and loading conditions stand as one of the strategies, so the validation and the capability of the numerical tools to capture the related phenomena are necessary. Real time on-board guidance based



on the measurement of ship motions is also a promising direction but the implemented mathematical modelling can adequately and promptly predict the forthcoming events keeping in mind the short time window that is available after the initiation of an instability. The techniques of artificial neural network could help on this direction. Besides, safety assessments aiming at the capturing of the basic stability failures could improve route planning given that the prevailing weather conditions could be sufficiently predicted. Last, but not least, crew performance in safety critical conditions should be enhanced, either by utilising crisis management on-board tools or by training in advanced bridge simulators capable of reproducing extreme ship response in rough weather.

7. MODELLING OF ENVIRONMENT

A proper modelling of the environment (typically waves and, in some cases, wind) is fundamental in obtaining accurate estimations of ship motions. Therefore, the modelling of the environment plays a crucial role in the evaluation of ship safety. In this context, in [7.1], analytical expressions of typical sea spectra used in Naval Architecture were analysed, showing that, with proper renormalization, such shapes can be approximated by families of functions usually used for describing probability density functions. The topic of extreme (freak) waves has instead been the subject of investigation in [7.2], where non-Gaussian behaviours in case of generation of short crested waves were reported, and a series of accidents are reviewed in view of the possible occurrence of freak waves, considering weather forecasting/hindcasting information. The experimental modelling of extreme waves was investigated in [7.4], where different approaches were described for experimental modelling of extreme waves and nonlinear effects on wave crests distributions have been investigated, showing that, for a given sea state steepness, the directional wave spreading

reduces the probability of occurrence of extreme wave crest heights. A direct specific link between environmental modelling and nonlinear ship motions assessment was instead provided in [7.3]. In [7.3], idealised spectra and spectra coming from forecasting/hindcasting were both used together with simplified semi-analytical spectral methods for assessing risk of pure loss of stability and parametric rolling, showing that spectral representation can have a significant influence on the final assessment.

Considering the mentioned importance of environment modelling for ship motions predictions, it is evident that future developments in this context should aim at guaranteeing that more realistic environmental models are used in the field of ship stability. Although detailed information on realistic environment are nowadays potentially available (thanks to wave measurements through buoys and/or wave radars, numerical wind&waves forecasting/hindcasting tools, etc.), their use within the ship stability framework is still limited and requires developments and/or transferring of information from other fields. The availability of area specific probabilistic models of directional sea and associated wind spectra could provide an important resource for improving the accuracy of ship safety assessment compared with the presently common use of standard reference environmental conditions. Also, virtuous links could be created between nonlinear ship motions assessment tools and onboard measurement of environmental conditions (wind and waves), in order to provide accurate and relevant real-time measures of ship safety.

8. EDUCATION

Beyond doubt, four decades of ship stability conferences and workshops brought numerous scientific achievements and considerably increased the level of knowledge and the understanding of phenomena related to the ship safety in real operational conditions. Even if



limited to a much shorter time window, the present paper clearly demonstrates this fact. From the educational point of view, the question is, however, to what extent this “newly” acquired knowledge can be/is actually transferred to the present generations of undergraduate naval architecture students, or, more importantly, to what extent this knowledge is supposed to be transferred.

Although the concept of the university education varies across the globe, the objective of the engineering studies is principally the same: to nurture an individual capable of coping with daily tasks and challenges of a particular engineering field. From the naval architecture perspective, the question arises whether this goal is still attainable with the present state of teaching on ship stability, based on classical, mostly deterministic approach that was common in the past. Maintaining its historic role as one of the most important generators of progress, the maritime trade keeps on evolving. New ships, unconventional in terms of size, hull form and powering represent the milestones in this evolutionary process. With new ships, however, new safety and stability problems emerge, while some old problems resurface in a different form. There is a possibility that, if the educational process does not evolve as well, we may end up in educating the engineers of yesterday that are to be struggling with the challenges of tomorrow.

There are some warning signs already. A recent conversation with a young naval architect, employed in a shipyard of a considerable size, who stated that “the ship stability is solved” and that “the seakeeping is the next big thing”, indicated that there is a false impression on what ship stability is in the first place. It is reasonable to assume that the organization of the educational practice was one of the factors that contributed to this misleading image.

So, what is the ship stability about? The idea that the metacentric height represents the stability of a vessel sufficiently well was

gradually superseded by the understanding that the characteristics of the righting arm provide a better insight into the problem, which ultimately led to the founding of the statistical criteria. Further progress resulted in the stability criteria based on the assessment of static and dynamic heel of the ships exposed to external loads, including the “severe wind and rolling criterion” better known as the Weather Criterion. Forty-year history of STAB conferences and workshops was instrumental in shaping the contemporary notion of stability as dynamics of ships (and other floating structures) exposed to the environmental loads (waves, wind and current) where (nonlinear) roll is not the only motion of interest. As a result, modern notion of ship stability in intact condition has become a subject closely related to seakeeping and manoeuvring, whereby the term “intact ship stability” is often used to refer to “large amplitude ship motions and manoeuvring in waves”. The associated phenomena are dealt with methods “borrowed” from nonlinear dynamics and/or are analysed in a probabilistic manner. Of course, the “basic” ship stability problems have not vanished in the meantime. According to some statistics a considerable number of stability failures of small container vessels happen in port, i.e. in calm water conditions.

The assessment of stability in damaged condition evolved from the deterministic approach to a probabilistic one, through at the times turbulent process, triggered by a series of catastrophic accidents involving large number of fatalities. In addition, the knowledge gained through model experiments and numerical simulations performed over the years revealed the importance of flooding dynamics (progressive flooding, sloshing in internal flooded compartments, water accumulation on deck, etc.).

Within the academic community, there is a dilemma whether (and to what extent) these developments are addressed in the classrooms, at least at the undergraduate / M.Sc. level. Therefore, herein, an effort is made to identify



the factors that could hamper the implementation of contemporary concepts of ship stability in the teaching process. Is there a need for an additional, “advanced” course on ship stability and what are the obstacles to the introduction of such a course?

In order to efficiently carry out an “advanced” course on ship stability, a number of conditions are to be met. Due to the fact that it deals with genuinely nonlinear phenomena, ship stability has an inherent “deficiency”: it is complex. The students should be familiar with a list of topics, some of which fall out of the scope of the traditional undergraduate naval architecture courses. Regarding the standard naval architecture subjects, in addition to the knowledge of intact and damage stability in calm water, the comprehension of seakeeping and manoeuvring, beyond the basic level, would be necessary as well. Other desirable “skills” include the understanding of fundamental probability concepts, statistical analysis and stochastic processes. A brief survey of the curricula of several European universities revealed that the courses on probability and statistics are more often than not elective ones and, as such, sometimes in collision with other, equally important engineering subjects. The use of methods of nonlinear dynamics in ship stability problems has become widely accepted. Nonlinear dynamics, however, is normally taught at the postgraduate level. As a result, does it mean that one should obtain a Ph.D. in order to become a “stability engineer”?

The limited availability of appropriate literature is also evident. The available books on the subject either deal with the basic problems of static and dynamic stability in calm water, suitable for introductory courses on ship buoyancy and stability, or discuss much more advanced topics, better fitting for the postgraduate level. Finding an appropriate balance between these two extremes presents a considerable challenge for the lecturer. It should be added, however, that some books that could be used in the ship stability

education of young naval architects were authored by well known researchers within the stability field [8.2, 8.3, 8.4]. Furthermore, the Contemporary ideas on ship stability series [8.1, 8.5] could also be considered as reference material for providing students with a modern approach to ship stability-related issues.

The problem is, however, that although we may refer to such a course as to an advanced one in comparison to the present programs (which inevitably generates a sense that it could be an “elective” subject intended for those that are more research-inclined) the topics discussed are either becoming or have already become a part of everyday engineering practice. Such is the case with, e.g. present probabilistic damage stability regulations; while the floodable lengths curve was a straightforward and an easily understandable tool, that could be incorporated without difficulty in the students’ exercises, the current probabilistic rules are not effortlessly explained (let alone applied in the classroom) whereby the lack of sufficient previously-acquired knowledge of the probability concepts is just a part of the problem. The application of the methodologies embedded in present proposals for “Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria” requires the knowledge of a considerable amount of all the aforementioned subjects. Some experiences indicate that this could be the next “bottleneck” of the engineering practice. Given that the naval architect’s work is guided by the regulatory regime, it sounds reasonable to reiterate the dilemma whether future engineers will be appropriately “armed” under present state of undergraduate education. Without a proper understanding of theoretical foundations of present and future stability criteria, the increase of ship safety may not be proportional to the evident rise of the level of knowledge.

How to introduce these new topics efficiently, without producing a sense of saturation with the ship stability issues and also having in mind that the available time is limited? From the pedagogical point of view,



the evident complexity of the contemporary ship stability topics underlines the need for a “wise” approach to the teacher-student interaction. Such an approach, if based on the understanding of modern perception, may capitalize on the present day tools. The importance of the experimental work can never be overestimated, but it should be noted that complex phenomena are not easily reproduced when resources are limited. Video recordings of successful experiments (nowadays available more than ever) may seem to be a feasible alternative. Indeed, the effect of visually-aided lessons on students’ attention is undisputed. Some believe, however, that the extensive use of videos may oversimplify the teaching process and limit (or even replace) the ability of abstract thinking, very much needed in engineering disciplines. That said, we should be reminded that teaching is about the development of: conceptual understanding; engineering design skills including creativity and judgment; personal and interpersonal skills such as communication and team work; abilities to identify own limitations; active approach to continuous learning throughout lifetime, etc.

The topic is far from being exhausted. The intention herein is merely to put the observed issues on the table and hopefully initiate a wide-ranging discussion on the matter. There isn’t a more competent forum to start such a debate than the STAB conference. In relation to that, the following should be noted. The ship stability as an academic discipline may considerably benefit from an inherent quality of the ship stability as a scientific field: it has a distinct international dimension. In the end, this contribution is an example of collaboration at the international level. International cooperation in the education, including exchange of students and lecturers (i.e. the experts in various areas) cannot solve the problem, but could be a good step towards the understanding of its proportions. Within the framework of the Stability Research & Development Committee several activities in that direction have been already facilitated.

9. FINAL REMARKS

In this paper, a review has been presented of recent developments and elaborated on ideas for future directions on the subject of ship stability, dynamics and safety. The added-value for such an undertaking is explained by the need of a clear and structured overview of past research and results available, before proceeding with future research and the directions and focus it should take.

It is hoped that this work will be useful to both young and experienced researchers in providing a concise reference of the research undertaken in the past six years, and in driving forward with improvements in our knowledge of ship stability and ship dynamics, and on how to improve ship safety through new, innovative and more efficient concepts. This work could be stimulating for identifying lines of research, having a more immediate evidence of the efforts spent in the considered period by many different researchers and institutions.

As a final suggestion, it could be recommended that this massive review exercise is carried out on a regular basis by covering a shorter period than the six years covered herein. A suggestion is that future similar contributions could be done covering the period between two subsequent STAB conferences, in a way that there is some overlap between subsequent reviews. In this way, this effort can become systematic and would provide the means for continuous monitoring of research on the subject of ship stability, dynamics and safety.

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Proc. STAB2012 - Proceeding of 11th International Conference on the Stability of Ships and Ocean Vehicles, 23-28 September 2012, Athens, Greece

Proc. ISSW2013 - Proceeding of 13th International Ship Stability Workshop, 23-26 September 2013, Brest, France

Proc. ISSW2014 - Proceeding of 14th International Ship Stability Workshop, 29 September - 01 October 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Contributions

1. Chengi Kuo (University of Strathclyde)

Reasons for organising the first conference in 1975

I met Mr Harry Bird of UK Board of Trade in 1968 and he was the UK representative at IMCO (Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation). He told me at IMCO most countries were supported by senior academics and in UK no one was interested in ship stability. Would I be interested in helping him. I said yes and became involved in devising criteria for assessing computer programs for calculating ship stability. Later I got to know various delegates to IMCO which became IMO. In 1972 I won a major research contract for three years to explore how theoretical methods can be incorporated into assessing ship stability. As we came near to the end of the contract, we wanted to share our work with people working on ship stability. The idea of having an international conference was our choice.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

There were a number of items of interest:

a) Static stability: Most of the interests were on static or quasi-static ship stability. The area under the GZ curve got a lot of debate. Generally it was about the quantities of areas up to certain angle of heel. It did not seem logical.

b) Theoretical solutions: Our team's attempts to introduce some theoretical solutions were not receiving much enthusiasm. The feedbacks we received were that the stage had not been reached for complicated equations; few understood the equations.

c) Ocean vehicles: Little special attention

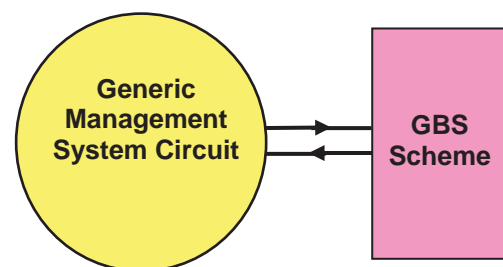
was given to the stability of ocean vehicles. These vehicles were shape and responses to ships, yet modified ship stability rules were in use. For example, semisubmersibles were being used for exploring drilling in the North Sea.

d) Meeting people: It was a valuable experience in meeting some of the people whose studies we were familiar with, and since it was the first biggish marine international conference to be held in Glasgow we were very well supported by the Glasgow City Council and the University.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

I would like to see more emphasis put on fundamental issues and their links to present approaches. Two examples are given here:

a) Non absolute nature of safety: Safety is dominated by personal perceptions as can be illustrated by two persons trying to cross a busy road. One thinks it is unsafe and the other thinks it is safe. Both of them are correct because judgement of safe or not safe is based on personal perception. By accepting safety is non absolute, a management system would be needed to address safety issues. The regulatory efforts such as FSA (Formal Safety Assessment) and GBS (Goal Based Standard) assume safety is absolute. It is necessary to link them to management systems if they are to yield consistent results such as the sketch for GBS.



b) Influence of human factors: Considerable advances have been made in technological aspects of safety but insufficient



efforts are being made to ensure improved methods are available for addressing human factors. For example, when defining a project goal and performance criteria both technological and human criteria should be included. The latter will ensure features such as human attitudes and behaviour are measured. By having this facility it may help in reducing maritime accidents

2. Hartmut Hormann (Formerly of Germanischer Lloyd)

Reasons for attending the first conference in 1975

It was something thrilling, this Stability Conference at Strathclyde University! I then was exactly 10 years within my professional life, in hindsight still a youngster, though I did not feel so at the time. – From the onset of my employment with GERMANISCHER LLOYD I had been dealing with intact and damage stability problems, including lots of routine work in approving respective design features and the stability booklets required to be put on board – and used there.

Stability was only one of my areas of activities, but my then boss decided I should attend the Conference. I was particularly pleased to be there together with my admired teacher Prof Kurt Wendel. – Again in hindsight this experience has played its part in developing my lifelong interest in stability; as my career developed, of course, dealing with stability problems represented less and less of my time; in later years it felt like a relief from daily pressures, once I had the chance to engage in a true technical stability issue.

In a classification society one is automatically at a hinge or joint between R&D, regulatory requirements, and on-board application. I treasured this position and I had lots of opportunities to work with researchers on one side, in regulatory bodies (chiefly IMO, where I had the privilege to chair the STAB-

Subcommittee for six years), and on the other end to learn about all the related practical problems on board.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

I am supposed to think back to the 1975 Conference and I would offer just a few and certainly non-representative thoughts. For the majority of the attendees here today it might sound strange that then the accuracy of cross curves of stability was still a problem. Less strange, because it went on for many years if not for decades, is the fact that the Rahola-criteria in essence were the only tool which could be applied in practice. (It was not called so, but the stability values given in both international and national recommendations for application on board were simple derivatives of Rahola's findings).

In 1975 the profession had just begun to apply the mathematics ruling ship motions, and the capacity of computers – rather still “electric calculation machines” at the time – was a problem with respect to the volume of data needed to adequately define the hull forms. We then remembered still the time, when another German professor, Georg Weinblum, had managed to describe ship lines by mathematical functions. (Prof Weinblum had just passed away in 1974).

In listening to the presentations at the conference, I got confirmed, what I roughly knew before: the scientists had made significant progress in understanding ship motions and their repercussions on the risk of capsizing; however, I could clearly see that there was a big gap between their results and an application in practice. Since then the profession has gone a long way.

Quite naturally, having spent almost my entire professional life in a classification society (with a short intermission at a yard), my main interest concerning stability focussed on the practicability of what research brought



about. The two areas towards which the mentioned gap had to be closed were, and are still, to formulate the regulations defining sufficient stability and to see to it that these requirements can be applied in on-board practice.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

And these sentences bring me to formulate my expectations for work to be done has the safety factor to be chosen to avoid a ship capsizing with a sufficiently high probability. I know, the discussion of this issue has not only technical aspects, it has also to take into account the acceptance of accident rates by the general public – not an easy task! The other area to be addressed is the big field of human errors; there are multiple “opportunities” to individually fail in assessing the actual stability while the ship is in service and to draw the right conclusions.

I am retired since 13 years now, and I have not any longer really followed the developments in my former profession, but I am reasonably sure that these aspects need attention also in future.

3. Anthony Morrall (BMT Group)

Reasons for attending the first conference in 1975

My reasons for attending the first conference in 1975 can be traced back to the UK's Holland Martin Committee Inquiry into Trawler Safety following the loss of three trawlers in 1968 in which a total of 58 crew members died, with just one survivor. My Director at this time was James Paffett, a member of this Committee, and he asked me to assist the UK Department of Transport with the drafting of new fishing vessel safety regulations, following the recommendations of the Inquiry. My first task was to help with the technical aspects through the “Freeboard

Committee”, now renamed as the Fishing Industry Safety Group (FISG), which led to the introduction of the UK's *Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975*. This new legislation introduced IMO's (IMCO's) intact stability criteria A168 for the first time and was one of recommendations of the Holland Martin Inquiry, which influenced subsequent UK legislation on maritime safety.

My role as a technical advisor to the Department of Transport continued for many years and in addition I attended numerous IMO meetings on fishing vessel safety as well as the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels in 1977. Prior to attending the first International Conference on Stability of Ships and Ocean Vehicles in 1975 I had therefore become heavily involved in fishing vessel stability and safety, although this was additional to my other responsibilities at the NPL Ship Division.

My paper at the first conference reported on an experimental and analytical investigation of capsizing of a side trawler in irregular beam seas. The results of this investigation gave an indication of the conditions in which capsize would occur. A time-domain analysis using an analogue simulator program was employed to model capsize and this approach was considered “a realistic proposition, providing roll damping coefficients for the ship, rather than for the model were used”. The question of adequate safety for these vessels was more problematical, but the best criterion for survival was considered to be through “a simplified dynamic approach”, “without forgetting good seamanship”.

My interest in fishing vessel stability and safety continued long after the first conference and over the years I have been responsible for several experimental investigations into the losses of fishing vessel, such as the Gaul, Trident, and Solway Harvester. I was also involved in model experiments and computer flooding simulations investigating the sudden and catastrophic capsizing of the passenger/car



ferries the Herald of Free Enterprise and the European Gateway and the sail-training ship Marques.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

I found the first conference rather daunting even though many of the delegates were known to me at the time, particularly Prof Chengi Kuo and the late Harry Bird, Prof. Yucel Odabasi and Bill Cleary. Subsequently, many others became known to me through my work on stability, such as Professors Paulling and Mоторо, or through IMO stability working groups with distinguished delegates such as Dorin, Dudziak, Kastner, Kobylinski, Kure, Rakhmanin, Takahashi, and Tsuchiya etc., all of whom attended the first conference.

Looking back on this conference many of the papers were attempting to produce a better understanding of specific aspects of stability, including dynamic considerations in irregular seas, as well as considering ways in which future stability criteria might be addressed. All of the presentations reinforced the need for further research on this topic in order to progress the state-of-the-art. This has become the lasting legacy of the first conference, thanks mainly to the efforts of Prof Kuo and the support given to him by Harry Bird and others. All subsequent work and progress made on intact stability criteria can therefore in my view be traced back to the first conference in 1975.

The most interesting aspect of the conference was the enthusiasm expressed by most of the delegates not only to understand the physics of all the phenomena related to ship stability in a seaway, but to question the status quo, and to consider how future stability criteria might include dynamic aspects. The phenomena of parametric rolling and the Mathieu instability are of course not new; for example the stability variations experienced by a ship moving in longitudinal waves have been studied by a number of eminent people in the

past e.g.: Froude (1861), Kempf (1938), Graff & Heckscher (1941) and Pauling (1959, 1961, 1974, 2001), but at the conference these and other phenomena were being reconsidered, in the context of intact stability criteria and ship safety.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

Since the first conference in 1975 significant progress has been made in the field of ship stability, not only at subsequent conferences but at IMO. For example, IMO has undertaken the development of so-called “Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria” (SGISC) with the intention of providing a new set of rules covering the different phenomena. This development is in recognition of the fact that traditional intact stability criteria does not adequately address all intact stability phenomena and cannot give any indication of safety margins in any sea state except still water. However, despite its limitations IMO’s stability criteria A167 and A168, which are based on a statistical analysis of casualty data, have proven very effective since their introduction in 1968; this is mainly because of their relation to hull form geometry and obvious physical meaning to naval architects and ship’s officers.

The intact stability phenomena of particular interest include Parametric Rolling, Broaching, and Dead Ship etc. However, despite of the progress made, accurate prediction of extreme motion leading to capsize from these phenomena remains outstanding. More accurate modelling of the physics, including non-linear roll damping, rudder action, and the effect of stabilisers is therefore needed before these new criteria can provide reliable and practical guidance to designers and ship operators. A container ship after experiencing parametric rolling is shown in the picture.



At the moment the prediction of these stability phenomena remain a challenging task. The new generation of intact stability criteria may therefore only be able to provide an approximate guide for these phenomena, unless advances are made in the modelling. Although intact stability phenomena have been known for some time a database of incidents has to my knowledge, not been compiled. This would have allowed a risk assessment to have been made on these phenomena.

Most of IMO's work on the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria has been supported by theoretical calculations and model tests, but very little emphasis appears to have been given to providing guidance to the master for avoiding dangerous situations. In contrast, MSC Circular 1329 for High Speed Craft provides guidance to the master for avoiding dangerous situations in following seas.

The survival of a vessel in heavy sea as a result of extreme motions, and of roll in particular, is one of the most fundamental requirements considered by a naval architect when designing a ship. New design and operational criteria for all intact stability phenomena will ultimately depend upon more accurate modelling of the physics involved, as well as making use of advanced simulation and virtual reality techniques. Education is also needed to improve the general understanding of the safety implications of extreme dynamic behaviour and how this relates to design and operational considerations. Guidance to masters for avoiding dangerous situations for vessel most at risk, perhaps by the use of simulators, should also be a higher priority than at present.

In summary, my views on the current and future developments of new intact stability criteria are as follows:

i. Despite recent progress there is still some way to go before the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria are introduced as regulatory design tools with more advanced guidance for avoiding dangerous situations.

ii. Future stability criteria must undoubtedly take into account all physical phenomena likely to occur during a vessel's service. The advancement of this aim through more advanced modelling and realistic simulation should be the main emphasis for stability and safety over the next decade.

iii. The prediction of capsize for all physical phenomena with an acceptable degree of certainty is an extremely difficult task; these phenomena are non-linear and extremely rare events of seakeeping behaviour that can be affected by both rudder and fin stabiliser action.

iv. Future intact stability criteria and the related safety of ships in critical sea conditions should ideally be quantified in terms of risk or loss or of exceeding certain bounds of motion, as a result of environmental forces.

v. The above approach is more appropriate to the seakeeping assessment of a ship's likely behaviour, and this approach could also help establish broad margins of safety.

vi. The emphasis of any new stability and safety research should be on ship design and operational criteria for all intact stability phenomena, including excessive roll motion and accelerations.

4. John Martin (Formerly of University of Edinburgh, Department of Mathematics)

Reasons for attending the first conference in 1975



At the time of the 1975 conference, I had recently become involved with the Strathclyde Ship Stability Group through my former research supervisor, the late Professor Fritz Ursell. My role was to help out with mathematical matters, such as advising them on their forays into the stability theory of differential equations and dynamical systems. I subsequently participated in workshops for naval architects and regulators to help them understand these ideas. I also undertook some personal research in nonlinear aspects of wave-body interactions such as the steady tilting of semi-submersibles in regular waves – a problem flagged at the 1975 conference. My involvement in ship stability work ceased during the 1980's so I am very far from up-to-date with more recent developments.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

As an applied mathematician, with experience in the linear theory of water waves and floating bodies, my overwhelming impression at the conference was that the real issues of ship stability and capsize far exceeded the scope of small amplitude approximations or perturbation expansions; it was fully nonlinear, involving large, highly nonlinear waves and extreme motions, whether leading to capsize or survival. This, therefore, called into question much of the classical modelling, whether deterministic or statistical, based on small amplitudes and superposition of various effects. It appeared that physical understanding of capsize mechanisms was limited at quite a basic qualitative level, with questions being raised such as: what forces are critical in the “ultimate half roll”; is coupling important e.g. between roll and yaw; is parametric resonance significant – a long list!

Systems of nonlinear differential equations were proposed, largely of the kind obtained in linear theory with additional hypothesised nonlinearities, and some of their qualitative predictions compared with observations of full scale events or model tank experiments. With

many of these systems there seemed to be a huge problem with proliferation of parameters and near impossibility of measuring most of them. Indeed, even some of the most basic parameters in the linear theory (damping, added mass, etc) are only really defined in time-harmonic situations where they are frequency-dependent and really represent history effects in the time domain (i.e. needing integro-differential equations).

Wrapping all this up into usable stability criteria was the final challenge; something which, like the GZ curve, can be measured or calculated and simple criteria applied. There is a paradox here: that the better a theoretical model replicates the physics (even going to the “ideal” of a full numerical simulation) the more it replicates the difficulties of identifying dangerous situations, key parameters and stability criteria. High quality simulation may be useful as a cheaper alternative to tank testing (maybe offering the possibility of basing regulations on survival testing in defined “dangerous” conditions), but it does not lead to simple quantifiable criteria based on system parameters. Ironically this requires a simplification of the full physics – one which reliably captures all the key effects (if such a simplification actually exists).

Towards the end of the conference, there was optimism that the large body of work on stability for differential equations (phase space analysis and Lyapunov theory in particular) would translate directly to ship stability and deliver the required criteria. These theories, however, were mostly “local”, i.e. giving conditions for an equilibrium position or some other particular solution to be stable to sufficiently small perturbations. I could not see how the forces leading to capsize could be regarded as “sufficiently small”! The mathematicians only demand existence of a Lyapunov function for local stability; it needn't be a particularly efficient one, often leading to unrealistically harsh stability conditions. The real challenge is the “global” problem of defining and using practical stability



boundaries (in whatever parameter space is found relevant), not over-pessimistic and expressed in terms which can be measured and applied for actual vessels.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

Most, if not all, of the above qualms were discussed in some form or other at the 1975 conference which did a wonderful job of agenda setting. Given that I ceased to work in ship stability during the 1980's, I would not presume to set any newer agenda for the next 10-20 years. However, it will be extremely interesting to discover what has been achieved on these matters in the past 40 years, which of the original agenda items are still open and relevant, and what new priorities have emerged.

5. Allan Gilfillan (Formerly of Maritime Coastguard Agency)

Reasons for attending the first conference in 1975

In 1975 I was still involved in the investigations in the loss of the trawler Gaul in February 1974. As you know the Gaul was lost in a very heavy storm off the north of Norway – the only clue being a lifebelt washed ashore in a Norwegian Fjord. The Gaul and her sister vessels had recently been acquired by Hellyer Brothers as part of their purchase of Ranger Fishing from P&O, and the owners were concerned for safety of the ships which they had bought. In the absence of any clues all we could do was to carry out a review of their stability and the impact that various fittings might have had on the safe operation of the vessels. Various scenarios for the loss were postulated, but it was not possible to agree on the most likely cause. After the Formal Inquiry had made its judgement, the Department of Transport (or whatever name it went under at that time) arranged for a series of model tests to be carried out at NMI and made the Gaul data

available for academic study – but I can't remember whether the results from these studies were available in time for the stability conference – my copy of the proceedings was lodged in YARD's library.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

I think that I found most of the papers at the 1975 Conference interesting – but can't really remember many details. After 1975, my role in the company changed to a more general project management and administrative functions and this lasted until I retired from YARD/BAeSYSTEMS in 1999. This undoubtedly explains my loss of memory.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

Since 1975 a lot of work has been done both experimentally and through simulations to better understand flooding and stability in a dynamic domain, rather than the classical static approach taken previously. I don't believe it is feasible, or cost effective, to undertake these detailed simulations to every ship design and the challenge to the academic community is to turn the results into a practical set of rules which can be applied by naval architects working in ship design offices. After I retired I participated in using the results from the "Derbyshire" investigations into an amendment to the load line rules on hatch loading. One further point concerns probabilistic damage stability, which as you know involves calculating an "Attained index" of survivability against a "required index". (incidentally, when I worked in John Browns, I gathered the data for your exercise for the Swedish Authorities on the probabilistic stability of the "Kungsholm") I have long thought that the whole probabilistic method needs to be turned round so that the historic damage probability data is used to define the lengths and penetration at various locations along the length of the vessel which any ship design has to survive.



6. Alan Graham (Formerly of YARD Limited)

Reasons for attending the first conference in 1975

My keen interest in stability matters really began when I joined the Marine Division of the Department of Trade and Industry, (now the Maritime Coastguard Agency), in 1968.

Within a few days of joining the Department, I was invited to attend a meeting in London at the headquarters of the Inter-Governmental Consultative Organisation (IMCO) that is the present-day Inter-Governmental Organisation (IMO). The meeting was composed of a special group experienced in ship stability matters and were representative of the major maritime nations. The group had been commissioned by the Sub-Committee on Subdivision, Stability and Load Lines to investigate the manner in which Part B, Chapter II of SOLAS, (the regulations governing the minimum standards of subdivision and stability for passenger ships), might be improved. These anachronistic regulations were to be replaced by regulations based upon the concept of the probability of survival. This change was long overdue since they had barely been changed since the 1920's. From that time onwards, until my retirement from full time employment, a great proportion of my work was to attend IMO sessions as a member of that group. In the latter years, I became Chairman of the group.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

When I was invited to attend the STAB 75 conference in Glasgow, it gave me an opportunity to gauge what progress had been made in the research efforts in developing reliable stability criteria. As I recall, the majority of the papers presented at STAB 75 related to intact stability, rather than residual stability after assumed damage. However, effective subdivision regulations need to be

underpinned by reliable intact stability criteria to be meaningful, so I was anxious to learn what research effort was being made at that time.

I had the rather optimistic impression that within a reasonably short timeframe such criteria might be developed, enabling them to be introduced into safety regulations. I did not appreciate how difficult a task it would prove to be.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

Safety regulations were becoming increasingly risk-based. Regulations of a highly deterministic nature will be phased out. Future research will take account of this.

Human behaviour in an emergency may significantly exacerbate a potentially hazardous situation. Regulations in the future will need to take care of this to discourage the use of an 'active' device in an emergency situation, where the use of a 'passive' device would be preferable.

There is a strong possibility that passenger ships carrying very large numbers may, in the future, be required to remain afloat for a minimum time after assumed damage. Clearly, urgent research is required if such a 'time to stay afloat' criterion is ever to become a reality.

Now that a revised text for the outdated Part B, Chapter II of SOLAS has been approved, I would like to see a similar procedure adopted - initially for cargo ships and later to other ship types, including high speed craft and multi-hulls. At each stage, extensive research effort would be needed.

7. Sigi Kastner (Formerly of University of Bremen)

Reasons for attending the first conference in 1975



I attended the conference because it offered an opportunity to meet other researchers who were working on ship stability from other organisations. It also enabled me to publish a paper at the conference.

Aspects of particular personal interest in the 1975 Conference

Personally, I found it very interesting to meet colleagues from other countries working in the same field of ship design and research on the improvement of ship safety at sea.

I remember discussions at and after STAB 1975 on whether further Conferences should be organized by IMO. However, it was decided that solely scientific bodies and not governments should organize the STAB Conferences. It turned out to be a big success: Since then, every three years the next STAB has been organized in another part of the world.

Research priorities for the next 10-20 years

Future emphases should be placed on problems of the environmental impact of fuel consumption and type of fuel, considering the growing number of large container ships and passenger vessels. However, safety with respect to the particular ship type, the human factor in ship operation, connection of ship and harbour, and modern computer technology, will play an important role further on.

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ABSTRACT

Guaranteeing a sufficient level of safety from the point of view of stability is typically considered to be a matter of design. However, it is impossible to ensure safety only by design measures, and operational measures can then represent a complementary tool for efficiently and cost-effectively increasing the overall safety of the vessel. Time could therefore be coming for systematically considering operational measures as a recognised and normed integral part of a holistic approach to ship safety from the point of view of stability. In this respect, the scope of this paper is to identify open challenges and to provide, in general, food for thoughts for stimulating a discussion on the topic of operational measures, with specific attention to the intact ship condition. The aim of the discussion should be to provide ground for further proceeding towards the goal of implementing a virtuous integrated approach to ship stability safety which gives due credit to effective and robust operational risk control options.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Guaranteeing a sufficient level of safety from the point of view of stability is typically considered to be a matter of design. It is indeed often assumed that the required level of safety is to be guaranteed by implementing proper passive measures at the design stage, in the form of design characteristics (hull shape, subdivision, systems redundancy, etc.) and in the form of limitations on the acceptable loading conditions.

The matter of safety-by-design, both in intact and damaged condition, has been, and of course still is on top of the agenda, especially regarding the rule-making process. However, it is impossible to ensure safety only by design measures, and design rules implicitly assume a

certain level of knowledge, skills, experience and prudence of ship masters and crew. These human factors, which are commonly referred to as “good/prudent seamanship”, represent, therefore, a crucial aspect in determining the ship level of safety. The skills of existing officers are however challenged by rapid development of unconventional ship types and shipping solutions. In some dangerous, or potentially dangerous, operational situations, it can therefore be a great challenge for the ship officers to take the most appropriate decisions for reducing the risk level. Such situations can be effectively addressed by operational measures aimed at providing a decision support for the crew. The implementation of operational risk control options can represent a valid tool for efficiently and cost-effectively increasing the overall level of safety of the



vessel, both in intact and in damaged condition, also in those cases for which design variations would not be cost-effective. This is typically the case with issues associated with dangerous dynamic stability phenomena in intact condition.

In fact, looking at numerous accidents reports it can be easily understood that several accidents could have been avoided, or at least mitigated, by implementing appropriate operational countermeasures. Depending on the case, such operational risk control options could be aimed at the prevention of the occurrence of the accident (measures aimed at the reduction of accident frequency/likelihood) or at the mitigation of its consequences.

Although operational measures become effective during the actual life at sea of the vessel, the combination of planning and implementation of such measures involves both the design and the operation phases of the vessel. It is therefore needed to properly “design operational safety measures”, both for intact and for damaged condition. Indeed, operational measures are expected to be of different nature and to follow different approaches when considering an intact condition (a “normal state” of the vessel) and a damaged condition (an “abnormal state” of the vessel).

As a result, guaranteeing safety through operational measures is linked with various aspects of the vessel (hull shape, ship handling, subdivision, cargo handling, systems design, etc. etc.), with different phases of the vessel’s life (from concept design to actual operation at sea), and with different stakeholders (ship officers, ship owner, cargo owner, shipyards & designers, class, administration).

It can therefore be understood that the concept of “ship stability & safety through operational measures” embraces a variety of conceptual, theoretical, technical, regulatory and educational challenges, with consequent opportunities for research and development.

The combination of passive design measures, with active operational measures, can therefore represent a virtuous holistic approach for increasing, in a cost-effective way, the overall level of safety of the vessel, and this concept is further elaborated in this paper with specific attention to the intact condition.

Present intact stability IMO/SOLAS regulations and class rules are mostly “design oriented” and based on an implicit “passive safety” concept. In this context, operational aspects are given a limited attention, often in the form of qualitative, more than quantitative, indications. As a result, operational measures aimed at increasing the overall safety level of the vessel are put in place by ship owners and operators on the basis of a mostly voluntary, and not harmonised, approach.

This situation, where operational safety measures are neither facilitated nor sufficiently normed by the regulators, does not promote the implementation of approaches aimed at increasing safety through proper and cost-effective operational measures. The eventual result is a lack of promotion of holistic approaches to safety, with consequent missing of opportunities for a potential increase of the fleet safety level.

An example of what the shipping system is possibly missing in terms of potential increase of safety can be found by looking at the experience from a European PCTC operator. In such case, the occurrence of large amplitude motions, associated with phenomena driven by variations of restoring in waves, have been significantly decreased by implementing a holistic pro-active framework including a chain of activities: design optimization to ascertain ships’ hull forms which are sufficiently robust for their intended service (using extensive numerical simulations and model experiments); continuous recording of ship motions and wave measurements with associated analysis and follow up (particularly in case of occurrence of dangerous events); education of all officers (with particular reference to the dangerous



phenomena the vessel can be prone to); and onboard installation of operational guidance systems. As can be noticed, such activities embrace all the phases of the life of the vessel, and are targeting the vessel design, the vessel operation, and the education of the crew. The implementation of such a risk management framework was eventually successful, leading to a reduction of parametric rolling events to a very low rate (of the order of about one per five ship-years for the latest generation of vessels).

There are therefore many opportunities for research and development associated with the idea of giving a more systematic and quantifiable importance to operational measures. At the same time, however, there are also numerous challenges. Some ideas regarding opportunities and challenges have been collected in the following, where the discussion is split in three sections, namely: design, regulatory and classification aspects; tools and methodologies; implementation in operation. However, a sharp separation proved to be very difficult since several of the given considerations are actually conceptually spanning more than one, and in some cases, all the three sections. As a result, some topics appear in more than one section taking, however, a different flavour depending on the perspective they are looked from.

2. DESIGN, REGULATORY AND CLASSIFICATION ASPECTS

Presently, ship stability safety in intact condition is normed by “design oriented” IMO/SOLAS regulations or class rules. The design approach is typically aimed at verifying specific loading conditions and at determining limitations in terms of acceptable KG values, to guarantee a “sufficient static roll restoring” according to specific requirements. Fulfilment of such requirements is implicitly assumed to guarantee a “sufficient level of safety”.

Some general indications are given by regulations regarding the risk involved in

having too large static restoring, since this can lead to excessive accelerations. However, such indications do not typically translate into quantitative limitations on GM. Some quantitative indications regarding too large metacentric heights can be applied in the preparation of the cargo securing manual, for those vessels for which this relevant.

The main weakness of such approach is that the criteria used for the determination of acceptable/unacceptable loading conditions are mostly semi-empirical in nature, and do not provide explicit information regarding the possibly dangerous phenomena a vessel could be prone to in a specific loading condition. Furthermore, in some cases, existing regulations do not sufficiently or properly cover certain dangerous phenomena, which are typically associated with large amplitude ship motions under the action of wind and waves.

As a result of this situation, it might happen that a vessel may undergo crew injuries or cargo loss or damage in heavy sea despite fulfilling existing regulations. Conversely, it might happen that a vessel, marginally complying with existing regulations, still has a sufficient level of safety potentially allowing for a further increase of payload and, thus, profitability. In addition to this, the strongly semi-empirical and statistical nature of present regulations does not provide the master with any information regarding the expected behaviour of the vessel at sea. The lack of information, in turn, can lead the master to take wrong decisions in case of a dangerous situation (e.g. selecting speed and/or heading in facing harsh environmental conditions). Also, the present regulatory framework is not designed for incorporating active operational measures as a means for guaranteeing the required level of safety in certain specific, potentially dangerous, conditions.

The mentioned limitations in the prevailing regulatory framework have recently been tackled, conceptually, in the development of the IMO Second Generation Intact Stability



Criteria (SGISC). Indeed, in the framework of SGISC, specific criteria are developed for specific dangerous stability phenomena in waves. This allows identifying, at the design stage, the type of phenomena the particular vessel is prone to. The identification of such phenomena becomes clear with the determination of the governing criteria, and associated failure mode, in the definition of acceptable/unacceptable loading conditions. It is worth noting that, because these criteria are based on a dynamic approach, the usual concept of “limiting GM” is, in principle, abandoned, and this can potentially lead to problems on how to treat this situation from an approval (Administration, or Class on behalf of the Administration) perspective.

In addition, the framework of SGISC allows guaranteeing, in principle, a sufficient level of safety by means of a combination of design requirements and of properly developed ship-specific operational guidance. Alternatively, it is also possible, in principle, to approve the vessel, in the specific loading condition, subject to the fulfilment of some specific operational limitations. “Operational limitations” are herein intended as limitations on the overall operability of the vessel in specific loading conditions (e.g. operations allowed only in certain geographical areas/sheltered waters, or up to a certain significant wave height). On the other hand, ship-specific “operational guidance” is intended as a detailed recommendation to the master on how to handle the vessel, in a specific environmental condition, to reduce the likelihood of inception of “stability failures” to an acceptable level.

It can therefore be seen that the envisioned framework of SGISC gives significant importance to ship-specific operational measures (operational guidance, or operational limitations). Actually, the framework of the SGISC can be seen as shift of paradigm, going from the current situation where ships are regarded as safe when designed and loaded in accordance with the current stability criteria

assuming they are just operated on the basis of generic good seamanship, to a situation where ships would be designed considering the possibility of also developing ship-specific operational guidance contributing at keeping the likelihood of stability failures below an acceptable limit. The present target date for addressing “guidelines for direct stability assessment” and “requirements for development of ship specific operational guidance” within SGISC has been set to 2017. The SGISC framework is then supposed to be initially implemented as non-mandatory regulations through the 2008 IS Code, and a possible mandatory application is therefore likely far away in time. Under such a situation, a series of questions arise. To what extent will these new voluntary criteria actually be used if they are not forced by a mandatory framework? How many shipping companies/shipowners will dedicate resources to fulfill these criteria if they are non-mandatory? Will the owners/designers be interested in a pro-active verification of non-mandatory criteria, in view of a possible future mandatory application, or in view of having a better understanding of the dynamic characteristics of the vessel? Will this lead to a wider, more informed, introduction of operational-oriented measures? And how could operational measures be used to increase the safety of some of existing ships that obviously would benefit from stability and safety improvements, but which will not be affected by the new criteria?

However, irrespective of the specific regulatory framework, it is clear that efforts should be spent, in general, to introduce operational measures in the design process, as viable and accepted risk control options. Indeed, implementing operational measures can represent a cost-effective way for increasing safety and, also, competitiveness. An example in this respect can be found in case of inland navigation, where suspension of navigation is sometime introduced in case of too harsh weather conditions (typically wind). In some cases, navigational limitations based on weather conditions are also introduced, on a



local basis, for sea-going vessels (to avoid, e.g., port entrance problems). However, a vessel able to operate safely in such harsh conditions could become more competitive, if the cost-effectiveness analysis indicates so. Similar considerations could also apply to vessels operating in sheltered waters, on specific routes, etc.

Implementing such an approach is not free from technical and regulatory challenges, which, at this moment, have not really been sufficiently addressed. As a result, several questions are open and more are likely to come.

Operational limitations could be introduced by changing the reference environmental conditions for the evaluation of intact stability criteria, when this is feasible according to the structure and background of the criterion (this is doable, for instance, at Level 2 vulnerability assessment in the framework of SGISC). The vessel should then be approved with such limitations noted. Operational aspects are presently under responsibility of the Administrations. In presence of operational limitation, it could be necessary for the master to demonstrate the compliance of the planned travel (loading condition, route and associated weather forecasts) before leaving the port, and such plan should be approved by the Administration. It is worth noting at this stage that operational limitations are well-known in rules for classification of vessels for combined river-sea or sea-river navigation, and therefore some experience could be gathered from that context. In the same context, approaches have also been developed in order to allow the operation of inland vessels (with few modifications) in the coastal maritime stretches up to a certain, pre-computed, significant wave height. It is however evident that having this procedure in place for a large number of sea-going vessels would require significant procedural efforts.

In case of development of ship-specific operational guidance, three main possible means can be envisaged for providing such

guidance to the master: pre-computation at the design stage, real-time computations on board during operation, real-time computations onshore during operation. In addition, a combination of these three approaches could also be considered as an option. Each of these approaches presents pros and cons from the technical and the regulatory perspective, which so far have not yet been deeply investigated.

From a regulatory perspective, one fundamental issue is the definition of the type software, and associated underlying mathematical model, which can be accepted for preparing ship-specific operational guidance. This aspect has to do with the verification, validation and accreditation process, which should be expected to eventually end up in an approval. At this moment, different options are on the table regarding possibly applicable mathematical models, ranging from simplified 1-DOF models intended for being used for single specific failure modes, up to 6-DOF hybrid tools simulating a vessel free running in wind and waves. Of course this wide spectrum of possibilities needs to be standardised to obtain a uniform application of the regulations.

Regarding how to prepare ship-specific operational guidance, on the one hand, one could be tempted to think that a large number of pre-computations should be carried at the design phase. Results of such computations should then be processed in order to give information to the master on how to safely handle the vessel in dangerous environmental conditions. Such information could then be provided in terms of, e.g. polar diagrams (or any other type of relevant representation) reporting some measure of stability failure. On one side, an advantage of such pre-computed operational guidance is that they could be approved, likely by the Class on behalf of the Administration, already in the design stage. On the other side, however, this could be a difficult approach, for a series of reasons. The first problem is the large number of computations to be carried out, because the set of scenarios to be checked could become huge: different



loading conditions, different wave conditions (separating at least swell and wind waves, considering different significant wave heights and characteristics spectral periods), different wind conditions (in terms of mean wind, gustiness spectrum, relative direction with respect to waves), different wave headings, different ship speeds, etc. All these combinations would eventually lead to a very large matrix of simulation scenarios. Another issue to be taken into account when considering the preparation of pre-computed ship-specific operational guidance has to do with the modelling of the environment. Indeed, although typical spectral models can be introduced in the pre-computation phase for both wind and waves, it is also known that the actual environmental conditions can differ significantly from the idealised models. As a result, wind and wave spectra encountered at sea will not correspond, in general, to the ones assumed in the pre-computations. How to use, then, data obtained from pre-computations in such cases? And how to “approve” an instrument, with associated methodology, intended for carrying out this inference? Connected to this, there is also another open question: what level of approximation can be accepted in the representation of the actual environment through simplified idealised parameterised models (with a reduced number of parameters), while still keeping the ability of reasonably identifying the possibility of occurrence of dangerous situations? In short, how much can the description of the environment be simplified, while still keeping a sufficiently accurate prediction of ship motions for identifying dangerous scenarios?

If, alternatively, ship-specific operational guidance would be designed to be potentially based on real-time calculations using the environmental conditions locally encountered by the vessel, this approach could ideally solve some of the issues associated with pre-computations at the design stage. At the same time, the real-time approach would lead to several challenges from the point of view of the approval process, depending on how the

computations are carried out. Indeed, real-time computations could be carried out, in general, onboard or onshore. These two alternatives are associated with different levels of available computational resources and information. As a result, a real-time system based onboard (characterised by limited computational resources and limited data access due to satellite bandwidth limitations) would likely be significantly different from a real-time system based onshore (where computational resources and data access are no longer an issue). Such difference in the system would reflect, on one side, on the type of tools and methodologies which can be applicable. On the other side, such difference in the computational system and associated approaches would also reflect in differences in the approval process.

Another issue to be addressed is the definition of “stability failure” for a proper integration within a regulatory framework. When speaking about operation, there could be different types of “failures” with escalating levels of severity, ranging from passengers’ severe discomfort, to cargo shifting/loss/collapsing, up to ship capsizing. Such types of failures are typically defined by appropriate limits of angles (usually roll, but also pitch) and/or accelerations. In addition, it could be necessary to provide specific “failure conditions” for different types of vessels and/or different types of cargo onboard. For instance, in case of cargo vessels, “failure conditions” need to be defined to avoid the occurrence of cargo shift, cargo loss, or possible cargo collapsing, taking into account the specific vessel, transported cargo and associated lashing arrangement. Then, the most critical mode of cargo failure will depend on the specific case. For instance, in case of inland navigation, the sliding, with possible loss, of non-secured containers can become the governing cargo-related failure condition, while this is typically not the case for sea-going vessels which transport secured containers.

A further challenge for a proper application of ship-specific operational guidance is



associated with a sufficiently accurate determination of the parameters of the actual ship loading conditions, which are relevant for dynamic stability computations. From the perspective of “classical” intact stability criteria, a check of the compliance of the loading condition can be carried out by knowing the position of the (solid) centre of gravity and free surface effects (e.g. by tanks’ sounding). Accurate knowledge of these parameters is already a challenge, and in many occasions the crew only has an estimation (in some cases a rough estimation) of the actual loading condition. This is a typical case for, e.g., container vessels, where the loading condition cannot be accurately determined using only the declared containers’ weight (the situation will however improve by the introduction of the mandatory weighting of containers expected in 2016). In case of methodologies intended to determine the dynamic behaviour of the vessel at sea, in addition to the knowledge of KG/GM, it is necessary to know also the characteristic vessel periods (particularly roll period). An inaccurate evaluation of the roll period (or, equivalently, of the roll inertia) can lead to inaccuracies in the application of ship-specific operational guidance. It is therefore a challenge, from a regulatory perspective, to put in place uniform procedures which can guarantee that the guidance to the master is provided on the basis of accurate enough input data for the underlying computational tool.

A challenge which is also likely to be faced in the approval process, is associated with the uncertainty in the estimation of the parameters (e.g. roll damping, radii of inertia, wind coefficients, etc.) for carrying out the simulations aimed at providing ship-specific operational guidance. Indeed, many of the parameters used in the simulations will be affected by some level of uncertainty. Such uncertainty will then propagate to the final results, which, then, will also be uncertain. Therefore, the challenge for the approval process will be how to address this inherent level of uncertainty.

Another interesting aspect which is likely necessary to be properly taken into account in respect to the development and approval of ship-specific operational guidance is the use of active means for motion reduction (typically roll). When assessing present intact stability criteria, it is typical to neglect the effect of active anti-rolling means. However, neglecting active means when preparing ship-specific operational guidance can produce misleading guidance. A typical example is represented by active anti-rolling fins for certain vessels (e.g. cruise ships). Such anti-rolling devices tend to have a significant beneficial effect on roll motion at sufficiently high forward ship speed. Neglecting the additional damping effect of anti-rolling fins could lead to issuing operational recommendations to the master which are not properly exploiting the increase of forward speed (and thus damping) as a risk control option. Of course, taking into account active anti-rolling devices (e.g. stabilizing fins, anti-rolling tanks, etc.) introduces further complexity in the mathematical modelling which is to be used for developing operational guidance.

Another global challenge from a design and regulatory perspective is associated with the decision on when/how to accept a ship-specific operational guidance, instead of requiring a design modification or flagging the considered loading condition as “not seagoing”. Indeed, there will be a region of high “safety level” where the vessel, in the considered loading condition, will comply without additional requirements. There will likely be a region of low “safety level” where the vessel, in the considered loading condition, will not comply at all. As a result, the loading condition will either be considered as “unacceptable” or design modifications will be required to increase the passive safety. However, there will be an intermediate region where it will be possible to ensure the required safety level by providing ship-specific operational guidance. How to measure the “safety level” and where to put the “boundaries” is a significant



challenge from the technical and from the rule-development/approval perspectives.

Furthermore, in all these considerations, it was implicitly assumed that, given “ideally perfect operational guidance”, the crew would respond appropriately by following them. The reality, however, is clearly fuzzier. Ship-specific operational guidance cannot be perfect for different reasons: approximation of the underlying mathematical modelling, inaccurate knowledge of environmental conditions, inaccurate knowledge of loading condition, etc. On top of this, the human factor becomes crucial, because, when dealing with operational guidance, the type of risk control option is active, and no longer passive, and typically, in intact condition, it could require human intervention (unless an automatic system is introduced). However, the human action is intrinsically uncertain, and the question arises of whether and how to take this uncertainty into account for the approval of procedures and tools for ship-specific operational guidance.

3. TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES

To guarantee safety through operational measures, it is necessary to be able to predict large amplitude ship motions under the action of wind and waves. This requires using tools which are able to address nonlinear ship motions, and classical linear seakeeping tools are, in general, not appropriate for this purpose.

Simulation tools addressing nonlinear ship motions are, in the vast majority of cases, based on time-domain simulations. This makes the required computational time a challenging problem. In order for such tools to be viable in the framework of providing ship-specific operational guidance to the master it is therefore necessary to have at disposal tools which are fast enough, as well as application methodologies which reduces the required time for the computation of motions and subsequent provision/development of the operational guidance to an acceptable level. The acceptability level with respect to

computational time depends on whether the tools and procedures are to be used in the design phase or in the operation phase.

As already said, in fact, three main categories of approaches can be envisioned for ship-specific operational guidance: pre-computation at the design stage, real-time computations on board during operation, and real-time computations onshore during operation. Different types of mathematical models can better suit different approaches. Indeed, tools and methods at various levels of detail can be utilised for nonlinear ship motions assessment.

Nowadays, the highest level of simulation complexity which is still compatible with the need for extensive series of simulations is represented by hybrid 6-DOF tools simulating the vessel freely manoeuvring in waves. The typically required computational time makes these tools more suitable for an application within a procedure targeting the design phase. However, under proper design of the methodology, they could also be implemented in a framework based on onshore real-time calculations using forecast weather data. In this moment, these tools are hardly applicable for real-time approaches using locally measured wind and sea conditions (e.g. through anemometers and wave radars, or using vessel motions to infer the sea spectrum). Nevertheless, such tools could ideally be implemented in frameworks intended for deterministic prediction of ship motions in a short time-horizon (of the order of minutes), provided the associated methodologies would prove to be robust enough and the prediction time-horizon would prove to be long enough to allow the actual implementation of some risk control option.

At reduced level of complexity there are several possible approaches, based on nonlinear models, typically with a reduced number of degrees of freedom. Such models are much faster, and therefore, in principle, more appealing, especially if the aim is the implementation of real-time, or near real-time



approaches. However, the reduction in the model complexity is often achieved by targeting the model to certain specific failure modes (e.g. resonant roll, variations of stability in waves, manoeuvring-related problems such as surf-riding and broaching). As a result, such models should be used very carefully, with a clear understanding of the modelling limitations. Indeed, such specific dynamical models, targeted to specific failure modes, typically provide wrong operational indications if misused, i.e. if used outside their region of applicability.

Irrespective of the used dynamical model for the prediction of ship motions and/or for the identification of potentially dangerous conditions, there are a series of common challenges impacting tools and methodologies.

A challenge which was already anticipated in the previous section has to do with the description of the environment (wind and waves). Indeed, it is known that the actual environmental conditions can differ significantly from the idealised simplified and parameterised spectral models which are commonly used for simulation purposes. Sea and wind spectra encountered in operation shows larger shape variability than that which can be modelled by superimposing the classical two wave systems: wind waves (with spreading) and swell (with or without spreading). Also, more than two systems can coexist, with a significant potential variability in terms of relative direction. In this respect the question then arises of whether and, if so, to what extent, the differences between the actual environment and the parameterised simplified environmental conditions actually impact the capability of providing relevant operational guidance. In addition to this, questions are also open regarding the impact, on the relevance of the prediction, of introducing or neglecting nonlinear effects such as a nonlinear description of the wave field, breaking waves, rogue waves, etc.

With respect to environmental modelling, it is also necessary to bear in mind some other

aspects. First of all, not all mathematical models are capable of taking into account multi-directional waves. This is the typical case for some 1-DOF models which were developed only for the long-crested sea case. As a result, environmental modelling limitations can be implicitly introduced by the used mathematical model, and the consequent impact on the prediction capabilities should be assessed. Furthermore, practical limitations exist regarding the modelling of the environment, depending on whether the operational guidance are developed through pre-computations at design stage, or whether the operational guidance are linked with real-time computations in operation. Indeed, taking into account the actual variability of the environmental conditions in a framework based on pre-computations at design stage is likely to be not viable due to the corresponding too large matrix of simulation scenarios. As a result, in such a framework, simplifications in terms of number of parameters for the modelling of the environment are necessary. Alternatively, calculations should be carried out on reduced sets of scenarios, assuming the other scenarios to be “safe” (e.g. avoiding unnecessary calculations in small significant wave heights). On the other hand, in a framework based on real-time computations, the actual environment could be exactly taken into account, at least in principle, provided that the information regarding wind and waves spectra are available (from measurement or forecast) and provided the tool and the procedure for issuing the guidance is able to appropriately use such information. There are also special situations where getting information regarding the environmental conditions can be difficult. It is the case, for instance, of inland navigation, where microclimate effects can be difficult to be captured in a real-time framework based on weather forecast.

An important point to be taken into account when considering tools and procedures to be used for operational guidance, is the fact that the framework, in general, has to be based on a probabilistic approach where the likelihood of an intact stability failure is typically required to



be at acceptable probability levels, which can be very low. This means that failure events to be “discovered” (and for which guidance should be issued) can become rare events. This poses significant challenges in terms of procedure for assessing the risk level of a specific scenario. Indeed, direct Monte Carlo approaches require a large number of realizations to be able to quantify the likelihood of occurrence of rare events with sufficient accuracy. In some cases a direct Monte Carlo approach can become unfeasible, without introducing some more advanced calculation procedures. Procedures have been proposed making use of split-time approaches, wave-groups approaches, approaches based on first-order reliability methods, or approaches relying on extrapolation based on significant wave height. In most cases such approaches were proposed for the use in a design-level pre-computation framework, but potential could exist for their use also in a real-time calculation framework. In some cases such approaches have been designed for application in a route-optimization framework. In such case, translating them to an operational-guidance framework could be mostly a matter of computational speed.

Another important aspect to be taken into account when generating operational guidance relates to the manoeuvring behaviour of the vessel in wind and waves. In numerous mathematical models the (average) ship speed and the (average) heading angle are kept fixed. Although this is a useful assumption for assessing the behaviour of the vessel in the nominally defined conditions, such an approach misses a series of important characteristics. First of all this approach does not take into account the effect of active rudder control. There are phenomena, such as broaching, where the modelling of the rudder control has a significant effect on the outcomes of the assessment. Other phenomena which are not considered by constant (average) speed models are the involuntary speed reduction and the ship ability to keep the commanded course. These phenomena can make some combinations of speed and course not realistic

because they would be practically not achievable by the vessel. Furthermore, neglecting speed variations can miss the speed reduction in high groups in head sea, as well as the typical prolonged staying of the vessel on the wave crest in following waves due to asymmetric surging, and this can influence certain phenomena (e.g. parametric roll, pure loss of stability, surf-riding and broaching). Whether taking into account all these aspects is something to be done directly by the ship motions simulation model, or whether this can be done by intermediate approaches mixing different mathematical models, is, presently, a matter of investigation. A matter of investigation is also the understanding of the extent to which the mentioned modelling aspects are affecting the issuing of operational guidance.

A further matter connected with tools and methodologies for operational guidance is the definition of “stability failure”, because such definition cannot be considered to be totally independent of the tool used for the computations. The definition of “stability failure” needs to be consistent with, and needs to properly account for, the capabilities and limitations of the tool which will eventually be used for the evaluation of the ship behaviour. For instance, while a 6-DOF tool is able to provide the full kinematics of the vessel, the same cannot be said, in general, for models with reduced number of degrees of freedom (e.g. 1-DOF models). In this latter case additional assumptions and approximations need to be introduced to try taking into account the missing degrees of freedom, when this is needed. This eventually reflects in the overall capability and accuracy of different tools to take into account stability failures associated with, e.g., accelerations. Such situation needs therefore to be properly accounted for when defining the “failure conditions” to be used.

Other types of less conventional approaches have been proposed, or can be envisaged, for issuing operational guidance in a real-time framework, where use is made of specifically designed and trained Artificial Neural



Networks (ANN). Although such approach is appealing, thanks to the associated computational speed and adaptability, some challenges for its use are evident. The model needs to be properly and extensively trained at the design stage (with possible update during the operation), through appropriate simulations. In addition, and connected with the training phase, attention must be paid to the use of ANN outside the training range, since such approaches typically lack extrapolation capabilities.

When considering approaches for a real-time calculation framework, two options have been mentioned: onboard computations and onshore computations (through an onshore support team). These two approaches significantly differ in terms of availability of computational resources and expertise of users, and this, in turn, reflects on the fact that significantly different models and/or procedures are expected to be used in the two cases. In case computations are carried out onboard, fast and simple models are expected to be employed, whereas more complex and computationally intensive models can be used for calculations carried out onshore. The same is valid for the calculation procedures to be used. Indeed, even fast simulation models can result in slow computations if the application procedure requires too many calculations for the available resources. In case calculations are carried out onboard, such procedures shall therefore be fast and simple (possibly based on simplified nonlinear frequency domain approaches). On the other hand calculation procedures based onshore can benefit, and therefore be allowed to require, significantly larger computational resources.

Formulating ship specific operational guidance is hence a trade-off between accuracy and simulation time, and also between accuracy in the ship dynamics modelling and the accuracy in the sea state representation. In his context, on one extreme there are 6-DOF simulation tools having the potential for providing a higher level of accuracy, which is however paid at the cost of the increased

simulation time. On the other extreme, simplified frequency domain methods exist, for example, for the determination of stability limits for parametric rolling and pure loss of stability from estimated spectra of GM variation, which are determined from GM variation transfer functions and wave spectra according to linear response theory. Such methods require very small computational effort, making them applicable for real-time computations. However the reduced computation time is paid by the likely reduction in the prediction accuracy. Where the optimum trade-off is positioned is a matter, on the one hand, of goals and, on the other hand, of technological and theoretical evolutions. This means that the optimum trade-off is something moving with time, experience and research & development.

4. IMPLEMENTATION IN OPERATION

The onboard implementation of means for providing operational guidance to the master is, evidently, the final goal. It is also evident, from the discussion so far, that a series of technological challenges are associated with the actual implementation of such a system. While some of such challenges are of general nature, some others, again, depend on how operational guidance is assumed to be provided: on the basis of pre-calculations at design stage, on the basis of real-time onboard calculations, on the basis of real-time onshore calculations, or a mixture of the three. Challenges associated with theoretical and technological aspects, however, are only one part of the picture. Aspects associated with ergonomics (human factors) are also important for a successful implementation of an onboard operational guidance system, which, in essence, is (part of) a decision support system. Indeed, in a system development phase, the attention is typically focussed on calculation methods. However, moving from such phase to the later phase of the implementation, clearly requires taking the matter of interaction with crew in due account.



Two fundamental aspects are directly linked with onboard implementation: loading condition on one side, and prevailing weather conditions on the other side. Indeed, irrespective of how the operational guidance is actually determined (pre-calculations or real-time calculations), for an onboard implementation, it is clearly necessary for the system to know the present (or future, in case of forecasts) loading condition and the present (or future, in case of forecasts) weather conditions. It is therefore necessary that an actual onboard implementation will be able to get information regarding the loading condition and weather conditions.

Regarding the loading condition, the starting point is evidently the loading condition as known (estimated) at the departure, combined with the sounding of the tanks during the voyage (or an estimation of consumptions), and/or combined with the information on loaded/unloaded cargo weights in case this is relevant to the vessel operation. However, such an approach is limited with respect to two aspects. First, it gives an estimation of the actual loading condition which can be affected by uncertainty. Second, typically, it does not give information regarding the inertia, which needs therefore to be estimated, introducing, again, uncertainty. In order to provide accurate operational guidance, it is therefore necessary to try implementing approaches which can increase the accuracy in the knowledge of the relevant mechanical characteristics of the vessel. For instance, to increase the accuracy in the knowledge of GM, it could be envisioned to systematically perform some kind of simplified inclining test at the departure, something which some vessels/operators are already doing. Alternatively, methods could be devised for carrying out an approximate GM determination while at sea. Clearly, appropriate approaches should also be implemented in order to have also a sufficiently accurate knowledge of the trim and displacement. To this end, the common procedure of direct reading of draught marks in port can be supplemented by, e.g., approaches making use of data from automatic

draught measuring systems which, following proper processing, could be used to provide a real-time estimation of trim and displacement during navigation (at least in time windows of sufficiently mild weather conditions). However, the knowledge of GM, for a given trim and displacement, is not sufficient for predictions addressing ship dynamics for safety purposes. In such case the rolling period (or rolling inertia) is one of the parameters which need to be properly known. To this end it could be envisaged to implement procedures for systematically carrying out small roll decays, at least at the departure, for estimating the roll period. Alternatively, real-time monitoring systems could be used to estimate the natural roll period of the vessel during operation. Other parameters could also be necessary such as, e.g., the pitch inertia. For the determination of the pitch inertia, real-time monitoring of the pitch motion, possibly linked with knowledge of local weather conditions, could be of help. Of course, none of these approaches can be considered more than an estimation of the actual quantity of interest. However, trying to increase the accuracy of the estimation represents a means for increasing the accuracy of the overall decision support system.

Once the actual loading condition is assumed to be known with a sufficient accuracy, the other big challenge is the knowledge of the weather conditions, i.e. wind and waves (and possibly current). Two main approaches can be implemented onboard in this respect: use of forecast data, or use of data from real-time measurements. A combination of the two can also be envisaged, where, for instance, forecast data could be corrected by an analysis of systematic comparison of forecast and actual measurements. In general, however, the type of measuring system could be tied to the type of procedure which is used for issuing the operational guidance. Indeed, guidance based on pre-computations could in principle make use of real-time estimation/measurements of weather conditions. However, a challenge in this case is faced: how to use pre-computed data in nominal weather conditions for issuing guidance associated with the presently



measured ones? Such challenge actually occurs also with forecast data, whenever the forecasted weather condition does not (sufficiently) match any one in the set of those originally used in pre-calculations. Real-time measurement, as well as forecasted data, can be used, instead, at least in principle, without difficulties, whenever sufficiently fast algorithms are used for the issuing of operational guidance. However, this requires algorithms able to account for the complexity of the environment (directional sea spectra, wind spectrum, etc.). On the other hand, real-time monitoring is typically of no use if operational guidance approaches are based on relatively slow computations (onboard, but more likely onshore). In such case the only viable option for issuing operational guidance based on motions statistics is the use of forecast data. Alternatively, deterministic short-time horizon (of the order of minutes) guidance could be potentially based on real-time measurements. In this case, however, wave radars should be used.

Also connected with the monitoring of weather conditions, it is worth mentioning a relevant fact, providing some associated brief considerations. Presently, the IMO MSC.1/Circ.1228, which basically represents the prototype of ship-independent (i.e. generic) operational guidance, assumes that a monitoring of the weather conditions based on observations by the crew is sufficient. The question, then, is whether this assumption can be considered valid for a modern ship-specific operational guidance system. It is indeed known that the level of accuracy of visual observations is limited, and the example case of (basically impossible) estimation of weather conditions by visual observations at night should serve as a sufficient example to show the limitation of the approach. Therefore, considering that the accuracy of the predictions of ship motions is typically limited by the element of the prediction chain with the higher combination of inaccuracy and sensitivity coefficient, it is very likely that environmental conditions estimated on the basis of visual observations cannot be considered compatible

with a robust ship-specific operational guidance system.

The other mentioned challenge for a practical successful onboard implementation is associated with human factors and, in details, with the relation between the system and the crew. One important aspect to be taken into account is the usability and understanding by the crew of the information given by the support system. In this respect it is important that the post-processing of the data is made with the aim of providing immediately and clearly understandable information regarding the potential danger level of the conditions. Polar diagrams (speed and course for the present weather scenario) are a typical way of presenting results based on the analysis of, for instance, some statistical quantity relevant to the ship safety (e.g. expected mean roll amplitude, or maximum roll amplitude for a given nominal exposure time, or similar data regarding the acceleration, or quantities associated with cargo failure). Guidance information, based on the processing of such data, should be provided using appropriate colour coding for immediate understanding, and the parsimonious use of audio alarms could also be considered. Similar polar representations can also be used to report regions of speed and course leading to specific problems (e.g. parametric roll, pure loss of stability, manoeuvring and course keeping problems, etc.).

With reference to the interaction of the system with the crew, it is also important to be sure that the system is accurate enough (and not, for instance, too conservative) for the crew to rely on it when taking decisions. Experience has shown that the trust of the crew in operational guidance and decision support information is very much dependent on how well the information corresponds to their own experience of the operational situation.

Another important aspect for a successful holistic approach to safety through operational measures is associated with the training/education of the crew. The crew is



indeed likely to take in low consideration guidance information received from a system that is not sufficiently well understood in terms of underlying theoretical and/or technical background. Also, not all crews are fully aware of the more complex stability failure modes. Enhancing the crew education and awareness is hence of utmost importance. Such education should consider general stability aspects as well as certain aspects regarding the specific vulnerabilities of their ships. As an example, just informing crews about the outcomes of SGISC Level 2 assessment for their particular ship, would already imply a significant safety improvement compared to the current situation, since it would give a better awareness of the susceptibility of the vessel to different phenomena in a transparent way. Part of the process of education could also be based on follow up from accidents, or near-accidents. In this case, the recording, and following analysis together with the crew, of the actual weather conditions and ship motions at the moment of the (near-)accident, could prove being of great help and impact.

Furthermore, education and training of crew could also be enhanced by increasing the use of virtual reality simulators embedding also operational guidance systems. This would have two main benefits. On the one side it could help the crew in familiarising with the operational guidance system. On the other side, it could help in improving and updating the operational guidance system on the basis of the experience made during the virtual simulations and on the basis of the feedback gathered from the users.

5. FINAL REMARKS

Although the overall ship safety in intact condition is the result of a combination of design and operational measures, operational safety measures are presently neither facilitated nor sufficiently normed by the regulators. This situation does not promote the implementation of approaches aimed at increasing safety through proper and cost-effective operational

measures. At the same time, however, clear and large potentialities exist for increasing the fleet safety level by properly combining passive design measures with active operational risk control options. It seems, therefore, that time could be coming for systematically considering operational measures as a recognised and normed integral part of a holistic approach to ship safety from the point of view of stability. However, several challenges are to be faced, requiring efforts from the point of view of research & development and from the point of view of the rule-making process. In this context, the scope of this paper has been to identify such open challenges and to provide, in general, food for thoughts for stimulating a discussion on this topic, with specific attention to the intact condition. The aim of the discussion should be to provide ground for further proceeding towards the goal of implementing a virtuous integrated approach to ship stability safety which gives due credit to effective and robust operational risk control options.

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Ship Stability & Safety in Damage Condition through Operational Measures

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ABSTRACT

Guaranteeing a sufficient level of safety from the point of view of stability is typically considered to be a matter of design. However, it is impossible to ensure safety only by design measures, and operational measures can then represent a complementary tool for efficiently and cost-effectively increasing the overall safety of the vessel. Time could therefore be coming for systematically considering operational measures as a recognised and normed integral part of a holistic approach to ship safety from the point of view of stability. In this respect, the scope of this paper is to identify open challenges and to provide, in general, food for thought for stimulating a discussion on the topic of operational measures, with specific attention to the damaged ship condition. The aim of the discussion should be to provide ground for further proceeding towards the goal of implementing a virtuous integrated approach to ship stability safety which gives due credit to effective and robust operational risk control options.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Required levels of safety with respect to damage ship stability are typically guaranteed by the consideration and evaluation of the effectiveness of proper passive measures at the design stage against applicable regulatory provisions. These measures are in the form of potential design alternatives (hull shape, subdivision, systems redundancy and availability, etc.) and for acceptable loading conditions.

Concerted research and development efforts in the period of the last 20 or so years have mobilised the international maritime community to research on the theoretical understanding of the flooding process and to focus and act on the development of new probabilistic rules for damage stability for all ship types, new ship designs extending and

challenging known design limitations, and the Safe Return to Port (SRtP) regulations. Risk-based approaches and cost-effectiveness considerations have been extensively used in this process. A major finding is that the overall level of safety of a ship can only be guaranteed when considering passive design measures in conjunction with active operational measures, in a holistic, balanced and cost-effective manner.

The concepts of time to flood and time to evacuate and how they interrelate are fundamental notions in determining safety thresholds with respect to ship stability and flooding. In principle, vulnerability to flooding relates to the cumulative probability for time to capsize within a given time in the operational environment of the vessel, accounting either for all statistical damages or for a given damage scenario. This also provides the key input for



vulnerability monitoring, which in turn offers all the essential information for damage control and emergency response.

There are therefore many further opportunities for research and development associated with the idea of giving a more systematic and quantifiable importance to operational measures. At the same time, however, there are also numerous challenges. Some ideas regarding opportunities and challenges have been collected in the following, where the discussion is split in three sections, namely: operational guidance and procedures; systems availability post-damage; active measures for damage containment. In this paper, we provide elaborations on open challenges and food for thought for stimulating a discussion on the topic of operational measures, with specific attention to the damaged ship condition.

2. OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES

Technological advances in computing hardware over the last decades have facilitated solution of many problems in ever decreasing amount of time. However, the progress in technical calculus, involving modelling based on the fundamental physical laws, has been just as significant, and despite the availability of ever greater processing power, many cases of numerical approximations to reality remain impractical to compute. It is for this reason that advanced prognosis have only had limited success in proliferating the field of instantaneous decision support.

Although highly advanced computerised safety management systems (SMS), have found accelerated support, their advisory functionality are mostly limited to detection only, with more sophisticated prognosis and advisory capabilities remaining at prototyping and development stages.

Such prototype simulation approaches available for use in prognosis comprise a range of phenomena such as (a) ship response to flooding progression, modelled through various but direct solution to conservation of momentum laws, or through quasi-static iterative approximations, (b) structural stress evolution under flooding, (c) the mustering process, (d) fire and smoke spread, and possibly many other.

Some of the reasons inhibiting their more wide use for decision support arise due to a series of practical problems in addition to sheer computational effort, such as the following:

- Each of these processes may vary at any instant of time due to changing conditions.
- The input is subject to considerable uncertainty.
- For any set of input information the outcome is random due to computational and modelling uncertainties as well as due to random nature of environmental or process conditions themselves.
- Each may be seriously influenced by decision choices.

The nature as well as inseparable combination of these engineering challenges imply that the projection functionality would need to be iterated for a range of uncertain conditions of either of the scenarios occurring as well as for a range of decision options, so that the best choice can be identified with controllable degree of confidence. This, in turn, implies that the computational task of scenario projection in real time in support of decision making will likely remain a serious challenge, as most of these analyses require substantial amount of processing time, at present accounted in hours.

Vulnerability Log, or VLog for short, has been proposed to be the functionality to inform the crew at all times on the instantaneous

vulnerability to flooding of the vessel, considering its actual loading conditions, the environmental conditions and the actual watertight integrity architecture (Jasionwoski, A, 2011). The vulnerability is proposed to be measured in terms of the probability that a vessel might capsize within given time when subject to any feasible flooding scenario. Figure 1 demonstrates the distribution of vulnerability logged on a demonstration ship.

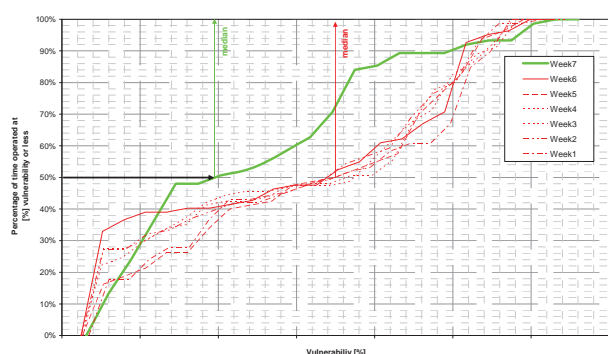


Figure 1: Distribution of vulnerability logged on a demonstration ship. The actual vulnerability values are undisclosed. The impact of the awareness of the crew on the day-to-day management of watertight integrity, and hence crew and ship preparedness, can be seen in Week 7, when explanation and training on use of VLog had been given

Since until a casualty occurs it is impossible to anticipate any specifics of a flooding case a ship might suffer and therefore let the crew prepare for it, it seems plausible that instead the crew is made aware of the range of such flooding specifics together with projected impact these can have on the ship state. The crew would be able to infer the criticality of the situation evolving immediately, based on their own awareness, and hence decide instinctively of the best possible actions to follow. Ship vulnerability to flooding will naturally vary significantly from a flooding case to a flooding case, and subject to what condition the vessel operates at, at which environment and what is the watertight integrity status. All these must, therefore, be considered.

The framework for vulnerability assessment given in the source (Jasionwoski, A, Vassalos,

D, 2006) can serve as a very informative model for use in the context of decision making. It reflects fundamentals of physical processes governing ship stability in waves and explicitly acknowledges uncertainty of such predictions by exploiting probability theory.

Therefore, further research efforts should be expanded to establish and verify practicalities of the principles of the proposed functionality, as well as to assess impact of all engineering approximations that are used in application of the proposed model. Many such aspects should be considered, with key focus on uncertainty in the widest sense, pertaining to its both aleatory as well as epistemic types. Example impact of treatment of actual tank loads in assessing stability, effects of damage character, relative importance of transient flooding stages, accuracy of physical experimentation used as basis data, or simple elements such as effect of computational speed on functionality of the whole proposition, or ergonomics of the conveying techniques used. The prime objective is to find solution acceptable for wider industrial application.

3. SYSTEMS AVAILABILITY POST-ACCIDENT

Formally, the safe return to port regulations adopted at 82nd session of MSC and subsequent amendments to SOLAS are not linked to damage stability and although it makes little sense to speculate about the reasons behind the separation, the formal disengagement by IMO seem to be utterly intentional. Nevertheless, the separation does not undermine the strong and authentic interrelation between the damage stability framework and SRtP, at least in part of the latter referring to flooding casualties (in short: all SRtP-compliant vessels need to demonstrate that their safety-critical systems remain operational outside the casualty area following single-compartment flooding). That is, SRtP capability is to be demonstrated for specific subset of all possible flooding scenarios.

As a matter of fact, it is the way the subset of flooding scenarios is being defined that prevents harmonisation of SRtP with damage stability framework. The SRtP subset is deterministic while the damage stability calculations draw from probabilistic domain (Cichowicz, J, Vassalos, D, Logan, J, 2009, Dodman, J., 2010). Notwithstanding the lack of harmonisation the SRtP is an important concept that transposes concept of survivability from that of the hull to that of the ship. In essence, the SRtP require the assessment to be performed on system models embedded within the vessel arrangement including both WT subdivision and A-class boundaries. Such modelling and evaluation philosophy was adopted during the development of iSys – an FMEA and SRtP-compliance assessment tool.

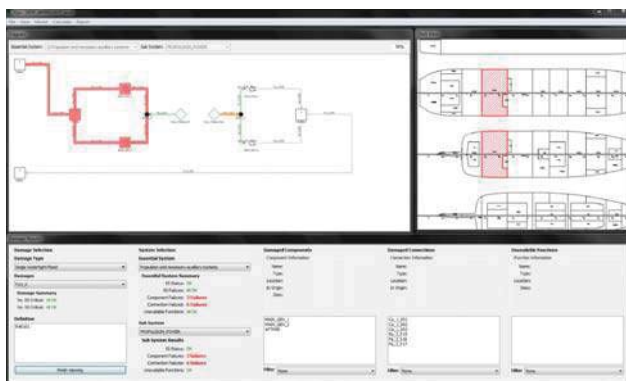


Figure 2: The iSys package allows for rapid modelling of complex systems embedded in ship's arrangement. The tool allows for assessing post-casualty availability of the systems and is capable of generating recommendations for restoring functionality

The most difficult aspect of post-casualty availability assessment derives from complexity of interconnected system models with time needed for evaluation by traditional calculators linked exponentially to the model size. Furthermore, as experience shows identification of design flaws in typical onboard plant requires high-resolution models able to capture fine details of the functionality. The design principles of ship systems are robust and backed by long experience hence in principle the onboard system are equally robust

and have acceptable level of built-in redundancy. Yet, the complex system often suffer from well-hidden deficiencies resulting in serious vulnerabilities to even minor flooding or fire accidents (as observed during some quite-recent incidents on cruise ships). The problem of such concealed vulnerabilities is particularly important for passenger ships (ever-growing in capacity and sailing to the most remote corners of the oceans) and the off-shore production plants (where again the isolation and accessibility of remote assistance becomes a serious issue).

Finally, the concept of post-casualty availability has an additional flavour in the context of active means of reducing a risk of rapid capsize. In particular, although the project GOALDS demonstrated clearly that accuracy of survivability assessment can be greatly improved by adopting the rational and design-friendly s-factor formulation. This allows for safer designs and cheaper designs but still the “mythical” requirements for the required index R to be equal to 1 remains commercially unattainable without use of active stability-enhancing devices. These, in turn would have to comply with “enhanced” (probabilistic) SRtP requirements. This highlights how strong the link between damage stability and systems’ availability is.

4. ACTIVE MEASURES FOR DAMAGE CONTAINMENT

Traditionally, in order to reduce the severity of the consequences of a flooding event, we have been relying on passive risk control measures, for example, enhanced internal watertight subdivision arrangements. This has received considerable focus and research over the last 30 years, and it seems that we may have reached a stage that no further vulnerability enhancements may be expected from passive design measures.

In this respect, there are measures that may reduce the severity of consequences of a

flooding event, measures of operational nature and/or active measures and as such less amenable to statutory verification unless an alternative method is applied.

Therefore, new measures for risk reduction (operational and in emergencies) should be considered in addition to design (passive) measures. What needs to be demonstrated and justified is the level of risk reduction and a way to account for it, the latter by adopting a formal process and taking requisite steps to institutionalise it. IMO Circular 1455 on Alternatives and Equivalents offers the means but we still have to overcome the philosophical and practical problems of “summing up” risk reduction from design and operational means.

For risk control measure in damage stability the rules are focusing on design solutions, normally referred to as passive measures (category 1 measures) shown in Figure 3 (Vassalos, D, 2013). Operational/active measures (category 2 measures) whilst abundant in SOLAS Ch. II-2 (e.g. damage control), have not been validated to the same level of rigour as category 1 measures. Finally, measures/systems focusing on emergency response (category 3 measures), such as Decision Support Systems for Crisis Management, Evacuation, LSA, Escape and Rescue, whilst fuelling debates on being effective risk control measures or not, the cost-effectiveness of their risk reduction potential has never been measured nor verified.

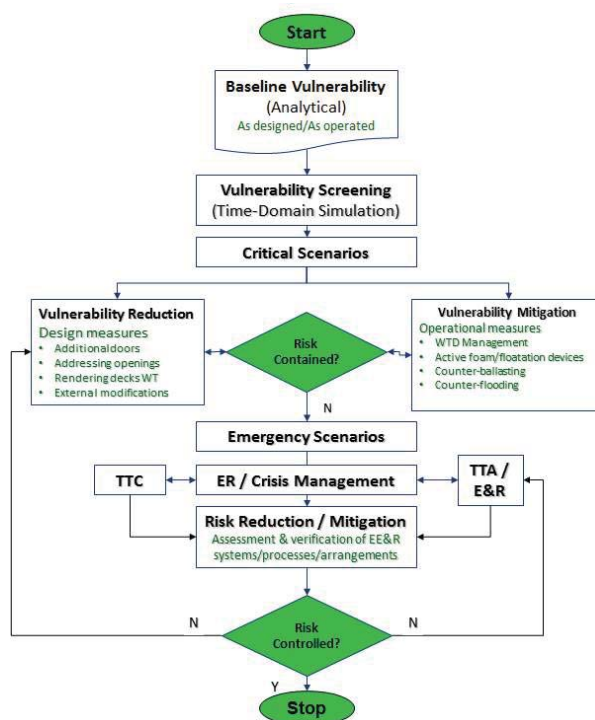


Figure 3: Vulnerability Management

It is also evident that survivability following a serious incident such as hull breach due to collision or grounding, resulting in water ingress, is still relatively low. Deriving from the foregoing, the following arguments may be put forward:

- Design (passive) measures are saturated. Hence, any such measures to improve damage stability severely erode the ship earning potential and are being resisted by industry.
- Traditionally, the industry is averse to operational (active) measures and it takes perseverance and nurturing to change this norm.
- Up until recently, there was no legislative instrument to assign credit for safety improvement by active means. It is IMO Circular 1455 that opened the door to such innovation.
- Key industry stakeholders are keen to explore this route.

Inspired by these considerations, a system that can be fitted to new or retrofitted to existing RoPax in order to reduce the

likelihood of capsizing/sinking and further water ingress following a major incident / accident (Vassalos, D, 2015). The proposed system utilises standard units comprising containers of polyurethane foaming agents, pumps and piping, distributed to safety-critical ship compartments and delivered through dedicated nozzles either directly into the compartment or in a flexible membrane, which is pre-inflated in an emergency and then filled under pressure. The system is able to withstand the ingress water pressure and provides a void filling mechanism to reduce flooding and thus enhance the buoyancy and stability of the vessel. The use of the system is under the full control of the crew, with a decision support system available to help the ship officers decide where and when the system will act as well as inform them of the ensuing effect. The system complies with identified requirements for the timely delivery of the foam in the damaged compartments to prevent progressive flooding and stability loss.

The foam itself meets all the environmental and health criteria, it is not toxic to humans and its release does not pose any danger to the people onboard or the environment. The system is illustrated in Figure 4.

Key characteristics of the system include:

Modular/Standardised design:

- System of (standard) parts
- Raw foam stored in sealed containers
- Dedicated pump per container
- Piping system running along the centre of the vessel
- Nozzles located in each of the primary spaces.

Non-intrusive:

- Optimum location in vessel – “void”, “out of the way” spaces.

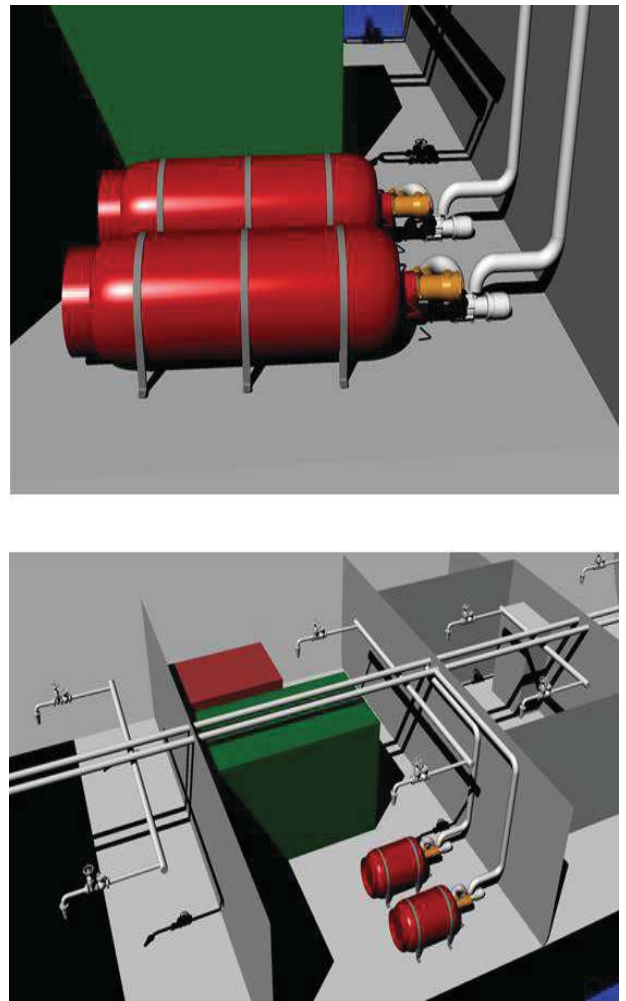


Figure 4: Damage Stability Recovery System (DSRS)

5. FINAL REMARKS

In this paper, we provided some elaborations on the current state-of-affairs with regards to operational measures relating to damage stability and safety. The aim is to stimulate discussion and provide ground for further proceeding towards the goal of implementing a virtuous integrated approach to ship stability safety which gives due credit to effective and robust operational risk control options.



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Session 5.1 – 2nd GENERATION INTACT STABILITY

A Numerical Study for Level 1 Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria

Study on the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria of Broaching Failure Mode

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ABSTRACT

During the last International Ship Stability Workshop held in Brest last September, several questions were raised concerning the existing IMO intact stability rules and the new proposed regulations. The lower level (level 1) criteria are conservative but should be easily implemented in stability codes. In this particular study it was investigated if and how an existing and extensively used commercial computer code, in the present case GHS©, could handle level 1 criteria. For simple and realistic cases it was found that a relatively small angle of trim can cause the capsizing of the vessel. These clearly unsafe examples indicate that the existing rules are insufficient. The new intact stability rules aim to deal with failure modes generally associated with extreme weather conditions such as parametric rolling, broaching or pure loss of stability in astern waves but they may also prevent capsizing due to environmental loading. Some of the difficulties encountered with the computation are presented to assess the extent of the necessary development. Finally an illustrative example is presented to verify whether the existing and future regulations can prevent certain obviously dangerous situations.

Keywords: *second generation intact stability, weather criterion, GZ curve*

1. INTRODUCTION

Intact stability is a basic requirement to minimise the risk of the capsizing of vessels. It is a guideline for the ship designer, ship operator and classification society to design, build and commission the ship before it start its service life at sea. A comprehensive background study of intact stability development was written by Kuo & Welaya (Welaya & Kuo, 1981). Their paper "A review of intact stability research and criteria", stated

that the first righting arm curve was proposed by Reedin 1868, but the application was presented by Denny in 1887. In addition, in 1935, Pierrottet tried to rationally establish the forces which tend to capsize a ship and proposed a limiting angle at which the dynamic level of the ship must be equal to or greater than the sum of work done by the inclining moments. However, Pierrottet's proposal was too restrictive in the design process and it was not accepted.



Kuo and Welaya also mentioned the famous doctoral thesis written by Jaakko Rahola in 1939. Rohola's thesis evoked widespread interest throughout the world at that time because it was the first comprehensive study and proposed method to evaluate the intact stability which did not require complex calculations.

The First International Conference for ship stability which was held at the University of Strathclyde in 1975, Tsuchiya presented a new method for treating the stability of fishing vessels (Tsuchiya, 1975). He introduced a list of coefficient to define the weather stability criteria. He disregarded the idea of a stability assessment using simple geometrical stability standards such as metacentric height and freeboard, or the shape of the righting arm curve. He proposed a number of factors which, in his opinion, are crucial. He introduced a certain coefficient which should be calculated and plotted on a diagram as a function of metacentric height and the freeboard for every stability assessment. He concluded that his proposed method should be confirmed by a comparison with actual data on fishing boat activities and empirical stability standards.

The first generation intact stability criteria was originally codified at IMO in 1993 as a set of recommendations in Res A.749(18) by taking into account the former Res.A.167 (ES.IV) ("Recommendation on intact stability of passenger and cargo ships under 100 meters in length" which contained statistical criteria, heeling due to passenger crowding, and heeling due to high speed turning, 1968) and Res A.562.(14) ("Recommendation on a severe wind and rolling criterion (Weather Criterion) for the intact stability of passenger and cargo ships of 24 meters in length and over," 1985). These criteria were codified in the 2008 IS Code and became effective as part of both SOLAS and the International Load Line Convention in 2010 in IMO Res MSC.269(85) and MSC.207(85) (Peters et al., 2012).

The actual work to review IS Code 2008 was highlighted during the 48th session of the

SLF in Sept. 2005 (IMO, 2005). The work group decided to address three modes of stability failure:

- a. Restoring arm variation.
- b. Stability under dead ship condition.
- c. Manoeuvring-related problems in waves.

There are two conferences that address the development of second generation intact stability criteria. These are the International Conference on Stability of Ship Ocean Vehicles (STAB) and the International Ship Stability Workshop (ISSW). An experimental evaluation of weather criteria was carried out at the National Maritime Research Institute, in Japan. They conducted a wind tunnel test with wind speeds varying from 5m/s to 15 m/s. The results showed some differences compared to the current estimation. For example the wind heeling moment depended on the heel angle and the centre of drift force was higher than half draft (Ishida, Taguchi, & Sawada, 2006). The experimental validation procedures for numerical intact stability assessment with the latest examples was presented by Umeda and his research members in 2014 (Umeda et al., 2014). They equipped the seakeeping and manoeuvring basin of the National Research Institute of Fisheries Engineering in Japan with a wind blower to examine dead ship stability assessment.

A review of available methods for application to second level vulnerability criteria was presented at STAB 2009 (Bassler, Belenky, Bulian, Spyrou, & Umeda, 2009). They concluded that the choice of environmental conditions for vulnerability criteria is at least as important as the criteria themselves. A test application of second generation IMO intact stability criteria on a large sample of ships was presented during STAB 2012. Additional work remains to be carried out to determine a possible standard for the criteria and environment conditions before finalising the second generation intact stability criteria (Wandji & Corrigan, 2012).



During the ISSW 2013, Umeda presented the current status of the development of second generation intact stability criteria and some recent efforts (Umeda, 2013). The discussion covered the five failure modes: pure loss of stability, parametric rolling, broaching, harmonic resonance under dead ship condition and excessive acceleration.

2. BACKGROUND OF IS CODE 2008

The Intact Stability Code 2008 is the document in force. The code is based on the best "state-of-the-art" concept (IMO, 2008). It was developed based on the contribution of design and engineering principles and experience gained from operating ships. In conjunction with the rapid development of modern naval architecture technology, the IS Code will not remain unchanged. It must be re-evaluated and revised as necessary with the contribution of the IMO Committees all around the globe (IMO, 2008).

The IS Code 2008 is divided into 2 parts. Part A consists of the mandatory criteria and Part B contains the recommendation for certain types of ships and additional guidelines. As stated in Part A, the IS Code applies to marine vehicles of 24 metres in length and more. Paragraph 2.2 of Part A lists the criteria regarding the righting arm curve properties and Paragraph 2.3 describes the severe wind and rolling criteria (weather criterion).

The IS Code 2008 Part A 2.2 sets four requirements for righting arm (GZ) curve properties (Grinnaert and Laurens 2013):

- a. Area under the righting lever curve,
 - i. not less than 0.055 meter-radian up to a 30° heel angle.
 - ii. not less than 0.09 meter-radians up to a 40° heel angle, or downflooding angle.

- iii. not less than 0.03 meter-radians from a 30° to 40° heel angle or between 30° to the downflooding angle.

- b. The righting lever GZ shall be at least 0.2m for a heel angle greater than 30°.

- c. The maximum righting lever shall occur at a heel angle not less than 25°.

- d. The initial GM shall not be less than 0.15 meters.

The additional requirement for passenger ships is stated in Part A, Paragraph 3.1. It states that:

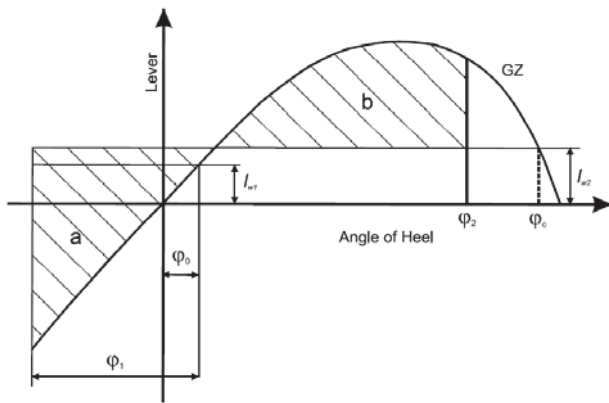
- a. The angle of heel due to passenger crowding shall not be more than 10°.
- b. A minimum weight of 75kg for each passenger and the distribution of luggage shall be approved by the Administration.
- c. The centre of gravity for a passenger standing upright is 1 m and for a seated passenger 0.3 m above the seat.

The IS Code 2008 Part A 2.3 concerns the weather criterion. The ship must be able to withstand the combined effects of beam wind and rolling at the same time. The conditions are:

- a. the ship is subjected to a steady wind pressure acting perpendicular to the ship's centreline which results in a steady wind heeling lever (lw_1).
- b. from the resultant angle of equilibrium (ϕ_0), the ship is assumed to present an angle of roll (ϕ_1) to windward due to wave action. The angle of heel under action of steady wind (ϕ_0) should not exceed 16° or 80% of the angle of deck edge immersion, whichever is less.

- c. the ship is then subjected to a gust wind pressure which results in a gust wind heeling lever (lw_2); and under these circumstances, area b shall be equal to or greater than area a , as indicated in Figure 1:

$$lw_1 = \frac{P \cdot A \cdot Z}{1000 \cdot g \cdot \Delta} \quad (1)$$



$$lw_2 = 1.5 lw_1 \quad (2)$$

Figure 1 Severe wind and rolling

where lw_1 = steady wind heeling angle, lw_2 = gust wind heeling lever, P = wind pressure of 504 Pa, A = projected lateral area (m^2), Z = vertical distance from the centre of A to the centre of the underwater lateral area or approximately to a point at one half of the mean draught (m), Δ = displacement (t) and g = gravitational acceleration of 9.81 m/s^2 .

Part 3.1 of the IS Code 2008 only concerns passenger ships. Passenger ships have to also pass the criteria of Part 2.2 and 2.3. The heeling angle on account of turning should not exceed 10° , when calculated using the following formula:

$$M_R = 0.200 \cdot \frac{v_0^3}{L_{WL}} \cdot \Delta \cdot \left(KG - \frac{d}{2} \right) \quad (2)$$

where: M_R = heeling moment (kNm), v_0 = service speed (m/s), L_{WL} = length of ship at waterline (m), Δ = displacement (tons), d = mean draught (m), KG = height of centre of gravity above baseline (m).

The centrifugal force F_c is equal to $\Delta V_0^2/2R$ where R is the radius of gyration. The smaller R , the higher F_c . But the formula proposed in the code is $R = 5L_{WL}$ which is the maximum value R can take according to manoeuvring code (Veritas, 2011). The formula is therefore not conservative.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF A SECOND GENERATION IS CODE

The Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety 48th Session IMO (2005) emphasized the requirement of revising the current IS Code. The importance of the work on the comprehensive review of the current IS Code 2008 would significantly affect the design and ultimately enhance the safety of ships (Mata-Álvarez-Santullano & Souto-Iglesias, 2014).

Intact Stability is a crucial criterion that concerns most of naval architects in the design stage. The current Intact Stability (IS) Code 2008 is in force. Except for the weather criterion the IS Code 2008 only concerns the hydrostatics of the ship. It does not cover the seakeeping behaviour of the ship and first and foremost, it always considers a ship with negligible trim angle. In head seas, the ship can take some significant angle of trim which may affect the righting arm. Van Santen, 2009 also presents an example of a vessel capsizing because of the small angle of trim. For the enhancement and improvement of intact stability criteria, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) introduced the new generation intact stability criteria in 2008 (Francescutto, 2007).

Figure 2 presents the procedure to apply to the second generation intact stability rule.

Once the basic criteria described in Section 2 have been satisfied, each failure mode is verified to satisfaction at the most conservative level.

The development of the second generation intact stability criteria focuses on five dynamical stability failure modes. Performing such a complete calculation of time-dependent dynamical phenomena would require well-trained engineers as well as advanced tools (IMO, 2013a). The aim of level 1 is to devise a simple computational method, but the criteria are very conservative. Level 2 criteria are more realistic since wave shape is taken into account but the computation remains static. Level 3 involves seakeeping simulations.

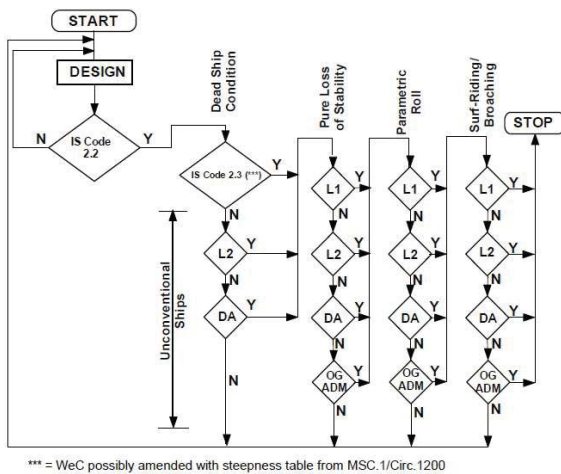


Figure 2 Structure of Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria IMO (2008)

The formula used in this paper is based on SDC1/INF.8 (IMO, 2013b). 1. Parametric rolling stability failure criteria mode as stated in SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 1 (submitted by correspondence group). 2. Pure loss of stability failure mode as stated in SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 2 (submitted by correspondence group). 3. Dead ship stability failure mode as stated in SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 16 (submitted by Italy and Japan). 4. Broaching stability failure mode as stated in SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 15 (submitted by United States and Japan).

3.1 Dead Ship Condition for Level 1

Based on SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 16, for level 1 vulnerability criteria for the dead ship stability failure mode, a ship is considered not to be vulnerable to the dead ship stability failure mode if:

$$b \geq a \quad (3)$$

where a and b should be calculated according to the "Severe wind and rolling criterion (weather criterion)" in Part A – 2.3 of the Code12, and substituting the steepness factor s in Table 2.3.4-4 in Part A – 2.3, by the steepness factor s specified in Table 4.5.1 in MSC.1/Circ.1200.

3.2 Pure Loss of Stability for Level 1

Based on SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 2, for level 1 vulnerability criteria for the pure loss of stability failure mode, a ship is considered not to be vulnerable to the pure loss of stability failure mode if:

$$GM_{\min} > R_{PLA} \quad (4)$$

where $R_{PLA} = [\min(1,83 d (Fn)^2, 0.05)]m$ and GM_{\min} = the minimum value of the metacentric height [on level trim and without taking free surface effects into consideration] as a longitudinal wave passes the ship calculated as provided in 2.10.2.2 (ref SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 2),or

$$GM_{\min} = KB + I_L/V - KG \quad (5)$$

$$\text{only if } [(V_D - V)/A_w (D-d)] \geq 1.0 \quad (6)$$

d = draft corresponding to the loading condition under consideration; I_L = moment of inertia of the waterplane at the draft d_L ;

$$d_L = d - \delta d_L \quad (7)$$

KB = height of the vertical centre of buoyancy corresponding to the loading condition under consideration; KG = height of

the vertical centre of gravity corresponding to the loading condition under consideration; V = volume of displacement corresponding to the loading condition under consideration;

$$[\delta d_L = \min(d - 0.25d_{full}, (L \cdot S_W/2))] \quad (8)$$

$S_W = 0.0334$, D = Depth, V_D = volume of displacement at waterline equal to D , A_W = waterplane area of the draft equal to d .

3.3 Parametric Rolling for Level 1

Based on SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 1 for level 1 vulnerability criteria for the parametric rolling failure mode, a ship is considered not to be vulnerable to the parametric roll failure mode if:

$$\Delta GM / GM > R_{PR} \quad (9)$$

$$\Delta GM = (I_H - I_L) / 2V \quad (10)$$

where ΔGM = amplitude of the variation of the metacentric height when a longitudinal wave passes the ship, GM = metacentric height, $R_{PR} = 0.5$, I_H = moment inertia of the waterplane at the draft d_H , I_L = moment inertia of the waterplane at the draft d_L , and V = volume of displacement corresponding to the loading condition under consideration.

3.4 Surf-riding/Broaching for Level 1

Based on SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 15 for level 1 vulnerability criterion for the surf-riding (Spyrou, Themelis, & Kontolefas, 2013)/broaching stability failure mode, a ship is considered not to be vulnerable to the broaching stability failure mode if:

$$F_n < 0.3 \text{ or } L_{BP} > 200m \quad (11)$$

where $F_n = V_{max} / (L_{BP} \cdot g)^{0.5}$, V_{max} = maximum service speed in calm water (m/s), L_{BP} = the length between perpendicular (m), and g = gravitational acceleration (m/s).

4. PROPOSAL FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK ON WEATHER CRITERIA

The highest level criterion for the second generation intact stability code is the direct stability assessment using a time-domain numerical simulation. The tools should be validated by experimental results. The guideline of direct stability assessment was produced at the initiative of the United States and Japan as in SDC1/INF.8 in Annex 27(IMO, 2013b).

Recent experiments carried out by Umeda and his research members (Umeda et al., 2014) presented during the ISSW 2014 provide examples of comparisons between model experiments and numerical simulations for stability under dead ship condition and for pure loss of stability in astern waves. The experiment using a model 1/70 CEHIPAR2792 vessel was conducted in a seakeeping and manoeuvring basin. A wind blower consisting of axial flow fans and controlled by inverters with a v/f control law was used to provide the wind input. The experimental setup is shown in Figure 3 and 4. They concluded that for the dead ship condition, an adequate selection of representative wind velocities generated by wind fans is crucial and for the pure loss of stability, an accurate Fourier transform and the reverse transformation of incident irregular waves are important.

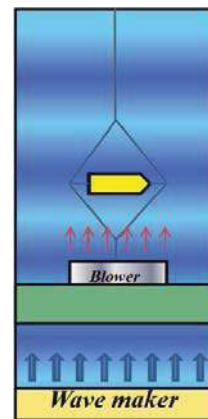


Figure 3 Overview of experimental setup (Umeda et al., 2014).

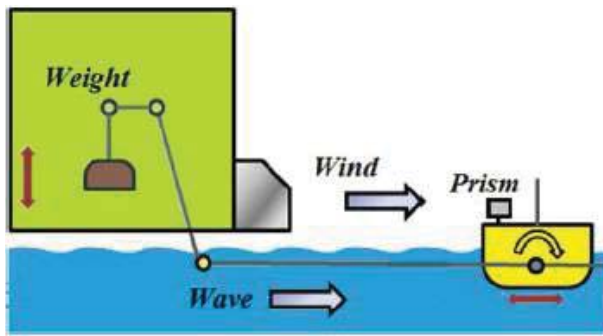


Figure 4 Lateral view of experimental setup (Umeda et al., 2014).

An experimental study will be carried out at the Low-Speed Wind Tunnel of the Aeronautics Laboratory at the University Teknologi Malaysia in 2016. The aim of the study is to validate the weather criterion in the IS Code 2008 using the wind tunnel results. For the dead ship condition, the study will consist of two layered vulnerability criteria and a direct assessment of each failure mode and a ship is requested to comply with at least one of them. This is because the use of expensive numerical simulations for a direct assessment should be minimised in order to realise a feasible application of the new scheme. It is also essential that the numerical simulations used for the direct assessment should be validated by physical model experiments (Kubo, Umeda, Izawa, & Matsuda, 2012).

4.1 Wind Tunnel Specifications

This wind tunnel has a test section of 2 m (width) x 1.5 m (height) x 5.8 m (length). The maximum test velocity is 80m/s (160 knots or 288 km/h). The wind tunnel has a flow uniformity of less than 0.15%, a temperature uniformity of less than 0.2°C, a flow angularity uniformity of less than 0.15° and a turbulence level of less than 0.06% (Mansor, 2008).

The wind tunnel is equipped with a six component balance for load measurements. The balance is a pyramid type with the virtual balance moment at the centre of the test section. The balance has the capacity to measure the aerodynamic forces and moments in 3-D. The aerodynamic loads can be tested as a function

of the various wind directions by rotating the model using the turntable. The accuracy of the balance is within 0.04% based on 1 standard deviation. The maximum load range is $\pm 1200\text{N}$ for axial and side loads. It also has the capacity to measure surface pressure using electronic pressure scanners. The balance load range for the wind tunnel is presented in Table 1.

5. STABILITY EVALUATION

A naval ship is used for the stability calculation. The ship is a patrol vessel (Ariffin, 2014) with a cruising speed of 12 knots, and a maximum speed of 22 knots. Its overall length is 91.1 metres, the design draft is 3.4 metres and the maximum draft is 3.6 metres for a displacement of 1800 tons. Finally the vessel's block coefficient, C_b , is 0.448 and the prismatic coefficient, C_p , is 0.695.

The body plan of the ship is shown in Figure 4.

Load Component and Accuracy	Type of balance		
	External	Semi-span	Internal
Axial force, F_x (N)	± 1200	± 900	± 182
Side force, F_y (N)	± 1200	± 900	± 356
Normal force, F_z (N)	± 1200	± 4500	± 445
Roll moment, M_x (Nm)	± 450	± 1362	± 7
Pitch moment, M_y (Nm)	± 450	± 250	± 62
Yaw moment, M_z (Nm)	± 450	± 450	± 50
Primary accuracy, % (based on ± 1 standard deviation)	0.04	0.04	<0.10

Table 1 Balance load range (Noor & Mansor, 2013)

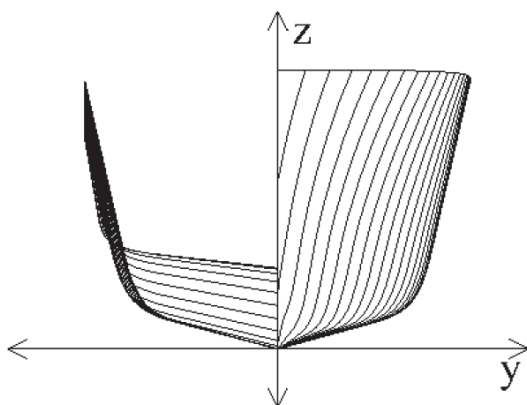


Figure 4 Body plan of the vessel

The level calculations in the present paper are based on a formula in SDC 1/INF.8. Only criteria for level 1 were verified. The results were obtained using the GHS software for the level 1 verification of pure loss of stability and parametric rolling. The VCG for the vessel was varied from 3.0 to 7.0 meters for analysis purposes. Direct calculation was used for the dead ship condition and the surf-riding/broaching.

5.1 Dead Ship Condition for Level 1

Based on SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 16, proposed by Italy and Japan, the steepness factor, s in Part A – 2.3 Table 2.3.4-4 was changed to the steepness factor s in Table 4.5.1 in MSC.1/Circ.1200. In GHS, the steepness factor is defined by $s = 0.0992364 + 0.0058416T - 0.0011127T^2 + 0.0000331T^3$ with $0.035 \leq s \leq 0.1$. Table 4.5.1 in MSC.1/Circ.1200 is the extension of Table 2.3.4.4. The graft of steepness factor, s vs roll period, T in Table 4.5.1 can be computed with the 5th order polynomial $s = 0.016 + 0.0385T - 0.0058T^2 + 0.0003T^3 - 0.000009T^4 + 0.00000009T^5$ with $0.02 \leq s \leq 0.1$.

The vessel passed the level 1 dead ship condition using the proposed amended criteria.

5.2 Pure Loss of Stability for Level 1

As in SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 2, the GM_{min} is calculated based on a range of VCG from 3 to 7m. The result shows that the change of VCG will affect the GM_{min} significantly. With the

increment of VCG, the max VCG to pass the IS Code 2008 is 5.46 m and the max. VCG to pass the level 1 pure loss of stability is 6.6 m. The result is shown in Figure 5.

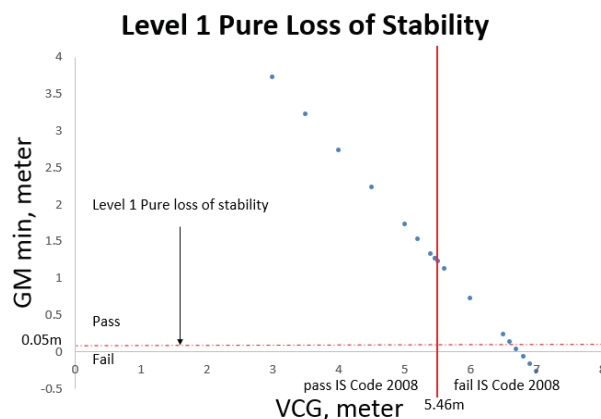


Figure 5 Result of Level 1 Pure loss of stability

It appears that the level 1 pure loss of stability criterion is less restrictive than the existing IS Code 2008 for conventional ships.

5.3 Parametric Rolling for Level 1

The $\Delta GM/GM$ is calculated based on a range of VCG from 3 to 7 m in SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 1. The result shows that the change of VCG affects the $\Delta GM/GM$ significantly. With the increment of VCG, the max VCG to pass the IS Code 2008 is 5.46 m and the max. VCG to pass the level 1 pure loss of stability is 5.56 m. The results are shown in Figure 6.

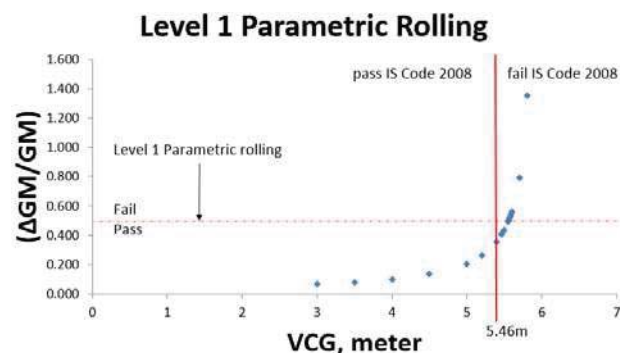


Figure 6 Result of Level 1 Parametric rolling

In this case, the level 1 parametric rolling criterion is less restrictive than the IS Code 2008.

5.4 Surf-riding/Broaching for Level 1

In SDC/1 INF.8 Annex 12, proposed by United States and Japan, the criterion is based on ship dimension and maximum speed. The vessel is tested with various speeds. The results show that the maximum speed (22 knots) is vulnerable to broaching and the cruising speed (12 knots) is not vulnerable to broaching. The results are shown in Figure 7. The maximum speed at which the ship is not vulnerable to broaching is 17.4 knots.

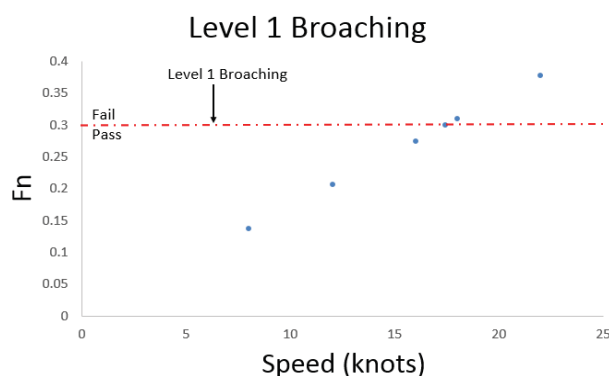


Figure 7 Result of Level 1 Broaching

6. DISCUSSION

The patrol boat whose body plan is presented in Figure 4, passes the level 1 criteria for the dead ship condition, the pure loss of stability and the parametric rolling. But it failed to meet the criteria for broaching at maximum speed.

The GHS© code can currently handle the level 1 verification for pure loss of stability, and parametric rolling. The level 1 verification for broaching does not require GHS© output. The level 1 verification for dead ship condition requires a change of the wave steepness value, s whereas the current code has a range of $0.035 \leq s \leq 0.1$ but the proposed change for level 1 broaching required a range of $0.02 \leq s \leq 0.1$.

7. CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents the results for a naval ship for a level 1 verification based on a proposed change of second generation intact

stability criteria as outlined in the current state of development by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

The vessel which already complied with the existing IS Code 2008, easily passes the level 1 criteria for pure loss of stability and parametric rolling but does not meet the broaching criterion at maximum speed.

The dead ship condition is based on weather criteria and there is no proposed change to the current regulations except for the wave steepness value. The wind tunnel experimental facility will be used to investigate the possibility of proposing some new or amended rules for the weather criterion.

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Study on the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria of Broaching Failure Mode

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ABSTRACT

This paper evaluates the vulnerability of sample ships to the broaching stability failure mode according to the current proposal submitted to IMO's Subcommittee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC). Sensitivity analysis is performed to study the influence of input parameters on the assessment result. Sample calculations are then performed and the results are analyzed with an emphasis on the appropriateness of the current proposal. Consequently, some comments concerning the potential impact of the broaching stability criteria on ship design is proposed.

Keywords: surf-riding, broaching, stability assessment, sample calculations, ship design

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is currently working on the second generation intact stability criteria of five failure modes to ensure the safety of ships in waves more effectively. Broaching is among the five and is considered to be the most complicated one due to its highly nonlinear and chaotic nature. Broaching occurs when a ship cannot keep a constant course despite the maximum steering effort typically in following and quartering waves. Surf-riding is usually regarded as the prerequisite of broaching, which occurs when a ship is captured by the wave approaching from the stern that accelerates the ship to the wave celerity. Small-size high-speed ships such as fishing vessels are most vulnerable to this stability failure mode.

To investigate the mechanism behind this hazardous phenomenon, significant theoretical and experimental efforts have been made by researchers in the recent decades (Umeda et al., 1999, Spyrou, 2001, Umeda &

Vassalos, 1996, Hashimoto et al., 2004, Hashimoto & Stern, 2007, Maki et al., 2010), which form a good foundation for the development of broaching stability assessment criteria.

According to IMO, a three-tiered approach is applied for assessing the five stability failure modes. Level 1 is meant to be simple and conservative, whose purpose is to distinguish ships that are clearly not vulnerable. If found vulnerable, the ship is then required for Level 2 evaluation which is less conservative. The method adopted for Level 2 evaluation is meant to be based on simplified physics and involve calculations with reduced computational efforts. If the ship is found vulnerable again, direct stability assessment using the most advanced state-of-the-art technology has to be performed.

The current proposal from U.S. and Japan (SDC 2/INF.X, 2014) follows the three-tiered framework: Level 1 evaluation only needs the ship length and speed information; Level 2 evaluation is based on a simplified surf-riding

model, the probability of surf-riding occurrence in irregular seaway is chosen as the criteria for assessment; Level 3 direct stability assessment procedures are still under discussion, the draft guidelines can be found in SDC1/INF.8 (2013).

This study focuses on the Level 2 evaluation. The main purpose is to analyze and verify the current proposal through sensitivity analysis and sample calculations. Concerns towards the appropriateness of the Level 2 criteria such as the threshold value are raised. Consequently, the potential impact of the broaching stability criteria on ship design is discussed.

This study can help designers better understand the second generation intact stability criteria of broaching failure mode and the establishing of the regulation.

2. CURRENT BROACHING STABILITY FAILURE ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

The following introduction of the current proposal to assess the Level 1 and Level 2 broaching stability failure mode is based on the contents of Annex 32 and Annex 35 in SDC 2/INF.X (2014).

2.1 Level 1 Vulnerability Criteria

A ship is considered not to be vulnerable to the broaching stability failure mode if:

$$L > 200m \quad \text{or} \quad Fn > 0.3 \quad (1)$$

where, $Fn = V_s / \sqrt{Lg}$ is the Froude number; V_s is ship service speed in calm water; L is the length of ship.

If the ship fails to pass Level 1 criteria, Level 2 assessment is needed.

2.2 Level 2 Vulnerability Criteria

For a ship to pass Level 2 assessment, it is required that:

$$C < R_{SR} \quad (2)$$

where, C represents the probability of surf-riding occurrence; R_{SR} is the standard value. Two opinions exist for the value of R_{SR} , with $1e-4$ by Japan and $5e-3$ by U.S.

C is estimated by:

$$C = \sum_{H_s} \sum_{T_z} \left[W2(H_s, T_z) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^{N_a} W_{ij} C2_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^{N_a} W_{ij}} \right] \quad (3)$$

where, $W2(H_s, T_z)$ is the weighting factor of short-term sea state according to long-term wave statistics; H_s is the significant wave height; T_z is the zero-crossing wave period; W_{ij} is a statistical weight of a wave with steepness $s_j = (H/\lambda)_j$ varying from 0.03 to 0.15; and wave length to ship length ratio $r_i = (\lambda/L)_i$ varying from 1.0 to 3.0. Details concerning these factors are specified in SDC 2/INF.X (2014).

$C2_{ij}$ is the key element which represents whether surf-riding/broaching occurs for each wave case, which is defined as follows:

$$C2_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Fn > Fn_{cr}(r_j, s_i) \\ 0 & \text{if } Fn \leq Fn_{cr}(r_j, s_i) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where, $Fn_{cr} = u_{cr} / \sqrt{Lg}$ is the critical Froude number corresponding to the threshold of surf-riding (surf-riding occurs under any initial condition); u_{cr} is the critical ship speed determined by solving the following equation:

$$T_e(u_{cr}; n_{cr}) - R(u_{cr}) = 0 \quad (5)$$

where, $R(u)$ is the calm water resistance of the ship approximated by N^{th} order polynomial:

$$R(u) \approx \sum_{i=0}^N r_i u^i = r_0 + r_1 u + r_2 u^2 + \dots \quad (6)$$

$T_e(u_{cr}; n_{cr})$ is the propulsor thrust in calm water:

$$T_e(u_{cr}; n_{cr}) = (1 - t_p) \rho n_{cr}^2 D_p^4 K_T(J) \quad (7)$$

$$K_T(J) \approx \sum_{i=0}^N \kappa_i J^i = \kappa_0 + \kappa_1 J + \kappa_2 J^2 + \dots \quad (8)$$

where, n_{cr} is number of propeller revolutions corresponding to the threshold of surf-riding, which is estimated based on Melnikov method by solving the following equation:

$$2\pi \frac{T_e(c_w; n_{cr}) - R(c_w)}{f} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^i C_{ij} (-2)^j I_j \quad (9)$$

where,

$$C_{ij} = \frac{c_i}{fk^j} \left\{ \frac{i!}{j!(i-j)!} \right\} \frac{(fk)^{j/2}}{(m+m_x)^{j/2}} c_w^{i-j} \quad (10)$$

$$c_i = -\frac{(1-t_p)(1-w_p)^i \rho \kappa_i}{n^{i-2} D_p^{i-4}} + r_i \quad (11)$$

$$I_j = 2\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{j+1}{2}\right) / \Gamma\left(\frac{j+2}{2}\right) \quad (12)$$

$$\Gamma(N) = (N-1)! \quad (13)$$

$$\Gamma\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) = (2N-1)!! \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^N} \quad (14)$$

In the above equations, c_w is the wave celerity; k is the wave number; t_p is the thrust deduction factor; w_p is the wake fraction; D_p is the propeller diameter.

The amplitude of wave surging force f in equation (9) is calculated as:

$$f = \rho g k \frac{H}{2} \sqrt{F_C^2 + F_S^2} \quad (15)$$

where,

$$F_C = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} S(x_i) \exp\{-0.5kd(x_i)\} \sin kx_i \Delta x_i \quad (16)$$

$$F_S = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} S(x_i) \exp\{-0.5kd(x_i)\} \cos kx_i \Delta x_i \quad (17)$$

where, $d(x_i)$ and $S(x_i)$ are the draft and the submerged area of the ship at station i in calm water, respectively.

3 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Level 2 assessment involves many parameters which might be hard to obtain at the early design stage. Usually, empirical formula and/or model experiment results are used as the initial estimation. Therefore, it is meaningful to perform the sensitivity analysis to evaluate the influence of input parameter variation on the assessment result.

A purse seiner ($L_{PP}=42.5\text{m}$, $B=7.8\text{m}$, $d=3.2\text{m}$, $C_B=0.6721$) is chosen as the target ship for the sensitivity analysis. The service speed of the ship is 6.5m/s ($Fn=0.32$), therefore the ship cannot pass Level 1 assessment.

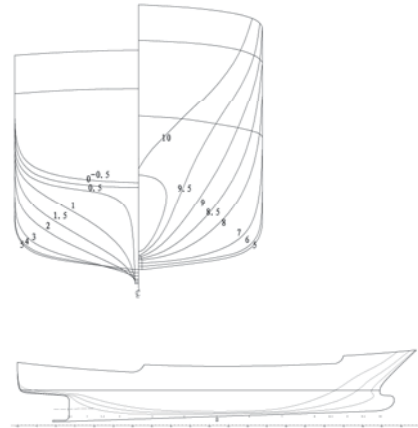


Figure 1 Lines of the purse seiner.

3.1 Influence of Resistance Estimation

Two aspects are studied, one is the influence of the order of polynomials for resistance curve approximation, and the other is the influence of resistance estimation error. The propeller thrust coefficients are approximated by 2nd order polynomials.

Figure 2 demonstrates the influence of order of polynomials for curve fitting. As can be seen, the curve fitting results in low and middle speed region ($Fn < 0.35$) have small differences. However, the differences increase between $N_{Fit}=3$ and $N_{Fit}=4$ or 5 in the high speed region.

The results are listed in Table 1. As expected, there is a 29.5% difference of C value between $N_{Fit}=3$ and $N_{Fit}=5$. Therefore, proper choice of the order of polynomials for resistance curve fitting is important for the assessment.

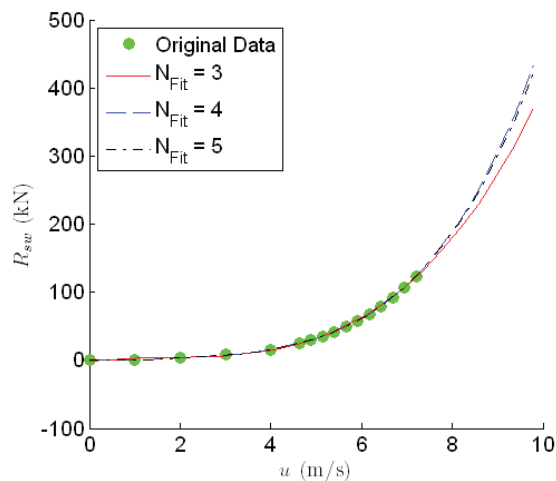


Figure 2 Resistance curve approximation.

The influence of estimation error is also listed in Table 1. According to the results, if there is 1% uncertainty in the estimated data, there will be about 1% difference in the attained C value. Moreover, with the increase of estimation uncertainty, the differences in

the attained C values grow rapidly. Typically, if there is 5% uncertainty in the resistance estimation, which is quite likely in terms of RANS based CFD computations, the resulting difference in the attained C value can be up to 16%.

However, it should be pointed out that the lack of data in high speed region (Fn around 0.45) may have some influence on the obtained result, which implies that accurate estimation of ship resistance at high speeds is also important.

Table 1 Resistance Estimation Influence

Case	Uncertainty (%)	N_{Fit}	C	ΔC (%)
1	0	5	1.90E-02	
2	0	4	1.82E-02	4.2
3	0	3	2.46E-02	29.5
4	1	5	1.88E-02	1.1
5	3	5	1.79E-02	6.0
6	5	5	1.59E-02	16.3

3.2 Influence of Propulsion Estimation

Similar studies are performed to investigate the influence of propulsion input data uncertainty, where the resistance curve is approximated by 5th order polynomials.

Figure 3 demonstrates the influence of order of polynomials for K_T curve approximation, and very small differences can be noticed. As shown by the results listed in Table 2, this will cause roughly 2% difference in the attained C value. Moreover, it is demonstrated that the result is not very sensitive to the K_T coefficient estimation error. If the uncertainty is within 2%, the final difference can be kept within 1%.

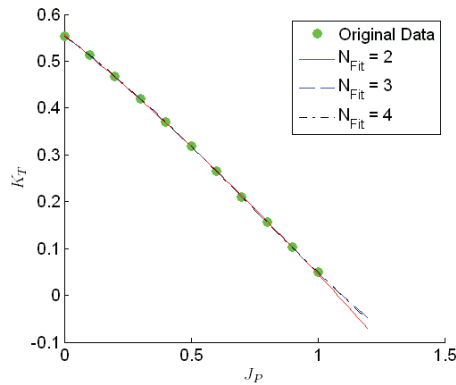


Figure 3 Thrust coefficient approximation.

Table 2 Propulsion Estimation Influence

Case	Uncertainty (%)	N _{Fit}	C	ΔC (%)
1	0.0	2	1.90E-02	
2	0.0	3	1.94E-02	2.1
3	0.0	4	1.94E-02	2.1
4	1.0	2	1.91E-02	0.5
5	1.5	2	1.90E-02	0.2
6	2.0	2	1.91E-02	0.7

Table 3 Influence of w_P and t_P Estimation

Case	w_P	t_P	C	ΔC (%)
1	0.287	0.287	1.90E-02	
2	0.316	0.287	1.84E-02	3.2
3	0.258	0.287	1.94E-02	2.1
4	0.287	0.316	1.88E-02	1.1
5	0.287	0.258	1.92E-02	1.1

The influence of w_P and t_P are also studied by varying them either 10% larger or smaller. The results are listed in Table 3. As can be seen, both parameters have small influence on the final C value. Comparatively speaking, the result is more sensitive to w_P than t_P .

3.3 Influence of Wave Force Calculation

As pointed out by Japan (SDC 2/INF.X, 2014), the wave-induced surge force could often be over-estimated because only the Froude-Krylov component is considered in

current procedure. Japan thus proposed an empirical correction factor for the diffraction effect as follows:

$$f = \mu_x \rho g k \frac{H}{2} \sqrt{F_C^2 + F_S^2} \quad (18)$$

$$\mu_x = \begin{cases} 1.46C_b - 0.05 & C_m < 0.86 \\ (5.76 - 5C_m)C_b - 0.05 & 0.86 < C_m < 0.94 \\ 1.06C_b - 0.05 & C_m \geq 0.94 \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

where, μ_x is the empirical correction factor; C_m is the midship section coefficient.

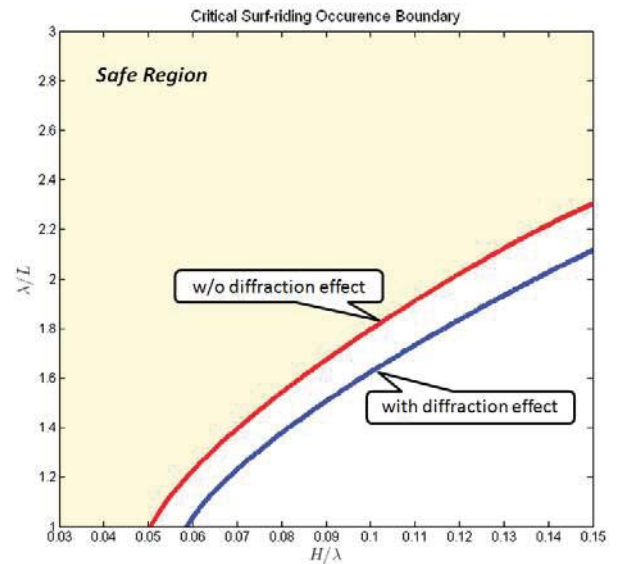


Figure 4 Surf-riding occurrence boundary.

The change of critical surf-riding boundary after correcting for the diffraction effect is illustrated in Figure 4, where the safe region corresponds to $C_{2ij}=0$. As can be seen, the safe region is increased, and correspondingly, the attained C value decreases from 1.90E-02 to 9.40E-03, which is 50.5% smaller. Therefore, the wave force calculation has significant influence on the assessment. Investigations on more accurate wave force estimation methods are crucial in subsequent researches.

4 SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

Based on the sensitivity analysis result, sample calculations are performed to 10 ships. The calm water resistance curve and the propeller thrust coefficient are approximated by the 5th and 2nd order polynomials, respectively. The correction for the diffraction effect is not considered since it has not yet been included in the standard procedure. The results of the sample calculations are analyzed to verify the appropriateness of the current proposal.

4.1 Sample Ships

The main particulars of the 10 sample ships are listed in Table 4.

Table 4 Main Particulars of Sample Ships

NO.	Ship Type	F_n	L_{PP} (m)	B (m)	d (m)	C_B
1	Purse Seiner	0.320	42.5	7.8	3.2	0.6721
2	Purse Seiner	0.285	43.0	8.5	3.7	0.8011
3	Purse Seiner	0.268	54.0	10.0	4.1	0.7396
4	Fishing Boat	0.364	29.5	6.0	1.8	0.4796
5	Fishing Boat	0.290	41.0	7.0	2.8	0.5800
6	Traffic Boat	0.496	16.0	6.0	1.8	0.5277
7	Traffic Boat	0.553	19.5	5.0	1.4	0.4925
8	Gillnet Boat	0.332	27.1	5.4	2.0	0.5610
9	Trawler	0.316	36.8	7.2	2.8	0.5850
10	Crab Boat	0.285	39.0	6.6	2.7	0.5940

Fishing boats and small-size high-speed boats are chosen intentionally because they are most vulnerable to the broaching stability failure. Moreover, the Froude numbers of the sample ships are around 0.3, with four below 0.3 and six over 0.3. However, none of the ship length is over 200m.

The offset data, calm water resistances and propeller open water data of the sample ships are provided by the design institutes, while w_p and t_p are estimated by:

$$w_p = C_B/3 + 0.063 \quad (20)$$

$$t_p = w_p \quad (21)$$

4.2 Assessment Results

The results are shown in Table 5. Four ships can pass the Level 1 assessment because their Froude numbers are below 0.3. When it comes to Level 2 assessment, the setting of the standard value R_{SR} plays an important role. If $R_{SR} = 1e-4$, only two of the four remaining ships (NO.2 and NO.3) can further pass Level 2 assessment while inconsistency occurs to NO.5 and NO.10, even when the diffraction effect is included (NO.5- μ_x and NO.10- μ_x); however, if $R_{SR} = 5e-3$, all the four remaining ships can further pass Level 2 assessment, and the consistency can be guaranteed.

Since Level 2 assessment is meant to be less conservative than Level 1 assessment, the occurrence of inconsistency should be avoided. Therefore, based on the current sample calculation results, $R_{SR} = 5e-3$ seems to be a more proper standard value.

Table 5 Assessment Results

NO.	Level 1	Level 2		
		C	Conclusion	
			$R_{SR}=1e-4$	$R_{SR}=5e-3$
1	Fail	1.90E-02	Fail	Fail
2	Pass	0.00E+00	Pass	Pass
3	Pass	0.00E+00	Pass	Pass
4	Fail	3.26E-01	Fail	Fail
5	Pass	3.40E-03	Fail	Pass
5- μ_x		5.43E-04	Fail	Pass
6	Fail	9.68E-01	Fail	Fail
7	Fail	1.00E+00	Fail	Fail
8	Fail	1.11E-01	Fail	Fail
9	Fail	1.97E-02	Fail	Fail
10	Pass	1.70E-03	Fail	Pass
10- μ_x		3.30E-04	Fail	Pass

4.3 Impact on Ship Design

Some insights concerning the potential impact of the broaching stability criteria on ship design can be obtained through further investigation into the sample ship calculation results.

Taking the NO.10 crab boat as the example, the F_n — C relation curve is shown in Figure 5. As can be seen, the slope of the curve around $F_n=0.3$ is very steep, which implies that a slight change of F_n will cause a significant change in the attained C . Therefore, a slight increase of ship length or decrease of ship speed might be helpful for meeting the criteria requirement.

Furthermore, we can see from Table 4 and 5 that NO.6 and NO.7 traffic boats are most vulnerable to the broaching stability failure mode due to their small lengths. The same situation might happen to most ships with small lengths and thus high Froude numbers. If the second generation intact stability criteria come into force, the existing small-size high-speed ships may have to increase their lengths in order to comply with the regulation. Otherwise, they can only operate under much slower speeds, which do not seem to be very feasible for these task-oriented vessels.

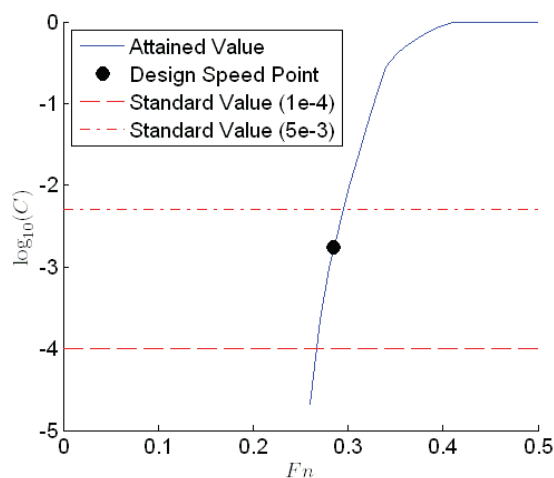


Figure 5 F_n — C relation curve.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This study tries to identify the most crucial parameters of the broaching stability criteria assessment through sensitivity analysis, and to verify the current proposal based on sample calculations. The main conclusions are summarized as follows:

- 1) Resistance estimation accuracy has big influence on the attained index value C . Calm water resistance estimation at high ship speeds is important for curve fitting. The result is also quite sensitive to the uncertainty level of resistance estimation. A 5% uncertainty in the resistance data may cause a significant difference on the attained C value. However, prediction of resistance at large Froude numbers is very difficult and error prone. CFD results for Froude numbers over 0.4 are considered to be unreliable, so the estimation of the resistance at high speeds should be studied.
- 2) The result of attained C value is not very sensitive to the K_T coefficient estimation error, so as the wake fraction w_P and thrust deduction coefficient t_P . The results seem to justify the use of rough approximations for the propeller thrust coefficient as well as w_P and t_P in the initial design stage.
- 3) The wave force calculation has significant influence on the assessment result. The attained C value can be halved if the diffraction effect is taken into account through an empirical correction model. Further studies on this aspect are crucial and definitely necessary.
- 4) Based on the sample calculation results, $R_{SR} = 5e-3$ seems to be a more proper standard value than $R_{SR} = 1e-4$. To better justify the choice of the standard value, more sample calculations that cover a wider range of ship types are preferable.



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Calcoque: a Fully 3D Ship Hydrostatic Solver

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ABSTRACT

Calcoque is a 3D hydrostatic computer code developed at the French Naval Academy. It computes equilibrium, stability and bending moment. A matrix algorithm transforms the classical representation of the ship by stations into a volume mesh made of tetrahedrons, prisms and hexahedrons, which can have large dimensions without degradation of the numerical result. At present the codes can handle the existing IMO intact stability criteria. It can also compute damage stability. The software code has a geometric equilibrium algorithm compatible with a strong coupling between the heel and trim. The balance position is determined on calm water and on static waves with two or three degrees of freedom. These characteristics make the code fully compatible with the second generation intact stability criteria. After some particularities of the code are presented, the paper shows a sample of computation applied to the pure loss of stability failure mode.

Keywords: *Equilibrium, algorithm, volume mesh, second generation intact stability criteria, pure loss of stability*

1. INTRODUCTION

Calcoque is a 3D hydrostatic computer code developed at the French Naval Academy for academic and research use. It computes equilibrium, stability (intact and damage) and bending moment and can handle the existing IMO intact stability criteria. It uses an unusual 3D volume method for hydrostatic computations based on meshes made of tetrahedrons, prisms and hexahedrons.

The goal of this study is to use this 3D hydrostatic volume method to compute first and second level pure loss of stability criteria for a passenger ship. These criteria are extracted from IMO second generation intact stability regulation currently under development and validation (Bassler, et al., 2009, Francescutto, et. al., 2010, Wandji, et al., 2012). In order to avoid any assumption about the height of the centre of gravity, the criteria

are evaluated through KG_{\max} curves they generate.

This paper presents the 3D hydrostatic volume method and its application on pure loss of stability criteria.

2. VOLUME HYDROSTATIC COMPUTATION

The hydrostatic solver consists of three main algorithms. The first one transforms a classical representation of the ship by sections into a volume mesh. The second algorithm is cutting the volume mesh by a plane, generating two volume sub-meshes (one on each side of the plane) and a surface mesh at the intersection. The third one searches the balance position of the ship on calm water and on static waves with three degrees of freedom (sinkage, heel, trim) or two degrees of freedom (fixed heel). These algorithms are partially described

in a handbook (Grinnaert & Laurens, 2013) but have never been introduced in open literature. They are described below.

2.1 Generation of Volume Mesh

The ship is designed with stations, which are a list of (Y, Z) points with the same longitudinal coordinate X. Stations must be ordered from aft to forward. They are symmetrical, defined on port side only. The first point of each station is on the ship's centreline (Y=0). Vertical coordinate of the points are increasing ($Z_{i+1} > Z_i$).

Lines defined by the user connect some points of stations in order to represent the main edges of the hull. A line starts at any station and ends at any other one located forward. It has a unique point on each station it intersects and cannot miss out any station. Two lines can intersect only at a station point.

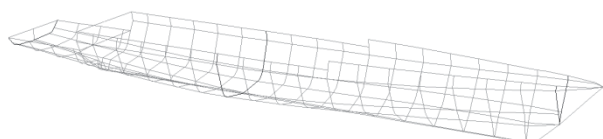


Figure 1 Stations and lines of an offshore patrol vessel.

Stations and lines (Figure 1) are used to generate a volume mesh of the ship through a "matrix" algorithm which builds the N-1 strips defined by the N stations. For each strip between stations indexed i and i+1, the process is organized in two steps.

First step. The first step consists of the generation of a matrix defining the links between all the points of the station i and all the points of station i+1. Let us consider a strip defined by a aft station with 5 points (port side only) and a forward station with 4 points. Let us consider 3 user lines. The first one links point 1 of the rear station to point 1 of the forward station (keel line). The second links point 2 (rear) to point 3 (forward). The third links point 5 (rear) to point 4 (forward). The

strip and its links can be represented by Figure 2 (stations in black, lines in grey).

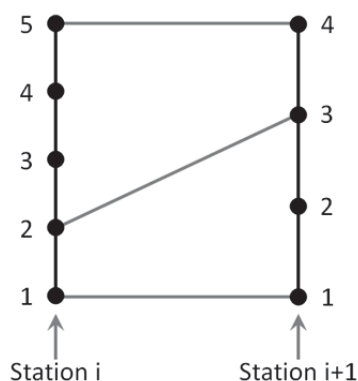


Figure 2 Strip defined by two stations and three lines.

Thus, a link matrix is defined with 5 rows associated with the 5 points of the rear station, and 4 columns associated with the 4 points of the forward station. The three user lines are represented in this matrix by three black dots in the appropriate cells (Figure 3).

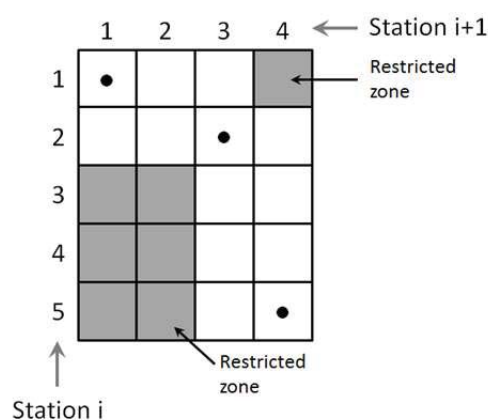


Figure 3 Link matrix associated with the strip.

Each link in the matrix defines two restricted zones which are the upper right cells and the lower left cells. This avoids considering a line which crosses another. In the current sample, the restricted zones defined by the second link (2-3) appear in grey in Figure 3. Both other links (1-1 and 5-4) define no restricted zone.

Thus, the matrix filled with user links is automatically completed with other links by going from the upper left corner to the lower right corner without missing out any cells

while passing by all cells associated with user links. Diagonal path is favoured (link 1-1 to link 2-2). If not possible, the path is horizontal (2-2 to 2-3) or vertical (3-4 to 4-4). These added links are grey dots in the left part of Figure 4. They can be added on the strip diagram (right).

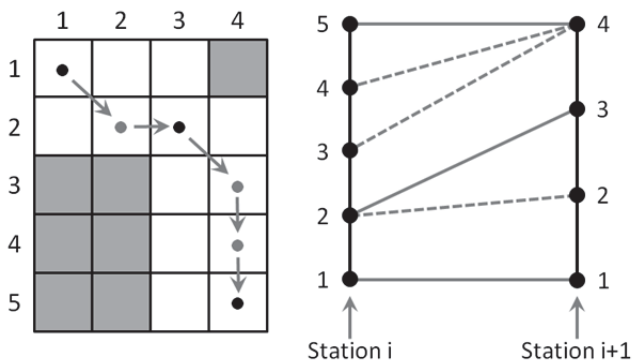


Figure 4 Completed link matrix (left) and associated strip diagram (right).

Second step. The second step consists of the generation of the volume and surface meshes defined by the completed link matrix. A diagonal path (1-1 to 2-2 and 2-3 to 3-4) generates a tetragon on each side of the hull and a hexahedron which connects both together. A horizontal path (2-2 to 2-3) generates a triangle on each side of the hull and a prism, whose bases are on the forward station. A vertical path (3-4 to 4-4 and 4-4 to 4-5) also generates two triangles and one prism, but their bases are on the rear station. The surface mesh associated with the current sample is shown in Figure 5.

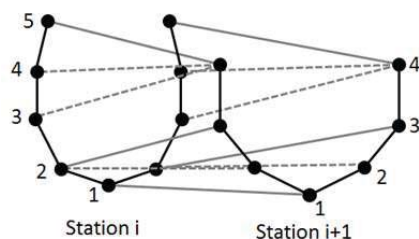


Figure 5 3D wireframe view of the strip and its surface mesh.

Flat volumes should be eliminated (same Z coordinate of the points). Some volumes may be simplified: in the sample, the first

hexahedron is a prism because the Y coordinate of the first point of each station is null.

The volume mesh of the entire ship is created by concatenating all strips (Figure 6). The volume mesh may be corrected to represent the real hull. It may be cut at the watertight deck and the void spaces (bow thruster tunnel, water inlets, flooded rooms for damage stability ...) may be extracted. Both operations need a routine which cuts the mesh by a plane, described below. Volume meshes of appendages and propellers may be added.

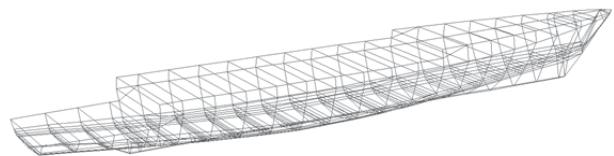


Figure 6 Wireframe view of the volume mesh of an offshore patrol vessel.

2.2 Cutting the Volume Mesh by a Plane

Cutting a volume mesh by a plane is necessary to define the waterplane. It also permits to extract some volumes from the hull (void spaces or flooded rooms) and to define volume meshes of the compartments and surface meshes of the decks. The volume mesh is made of prisms and hexahedrons. The former can be divided in three tetrahedrons and the latter in two prisms or six tetrahedrons. The cutting routine of prisms and hexahedrons only handles simple cases: volume entirely on one side or the other of the plane, a face contained in the plane or face "parallel" to the plane. In other cases, the volume being cut is previously decomposed into three or six tetrahedrons. Each point of the tetrahedron can be located on one side of the plane, included in the plane, or on the other side. Then, we have $3^4=81$ possibilities. However, the order of points having no importance (unlike the necessary orientation of the vertices of a surface mesh) the number of possibilities is reduced to 15 and may be simplified to 8 (see Table 1).

Case	Topology
A	No point on the upper side 1 tetrahedron on the lower side 1 intersecting triangle if 3 points in the plane
B	No point on the lower side 1 tetrahedron on the upper side
C	2 points on the upper side 2 points on the lower side 1 prism on the upper side 1 prism on the lower side 1 intersecting tetragon
D	1 point on the upper side 3 points on the lower side 1 tetrahedron on the upper side 1 prism on the lower side 1 intersecting triangle
E	3 points on the upper side 1 point on the lower side 1 prism on the upper side 1 tetrahedron on the lower side 1 intersecting triangle
F	1 point on the upper side 1 point in the plane 2 points on the lower side 1 tetrahedron on the upper side 1 tetrahedron on the lower side 1 intersecting triangle
G	2 points on the upper side 1 point in the plane 1 point on the lower side 1 tetrahedron on the upper side 1 tetrahedron on the lower side 1 intersecting triangle
H	1 point on the upper side 2 points in the plane 1 point on the lower side 1 tetrahedron on the upper side 1 tetrahedron on the lower side 1 intersecting triangle

Table 1 Cut cases of a tetrahedron with a plane.

2.3 Research of the Balance Position

The research algorithm for the balance position is partially presented in a handbook (Grinnaert & Laurens, 2013). A second method has since been implemented in the Calcoque software.

Definition of the Balance Position. The three degrees of freedom are sinkage (e , metre), heel (φ , radian) and trim (θ , radian). Sinkage

replaces draught which has no sense while heel approaches 90 degrees. Sinkage is defined as the algebraic distance between a ship fixed point Q (coordinates $L_{PP}/2$, 0, Z of the reference waterline 10H) and its projected point P on the calm water waterplane (even for computation on static waves). See Figure 7.

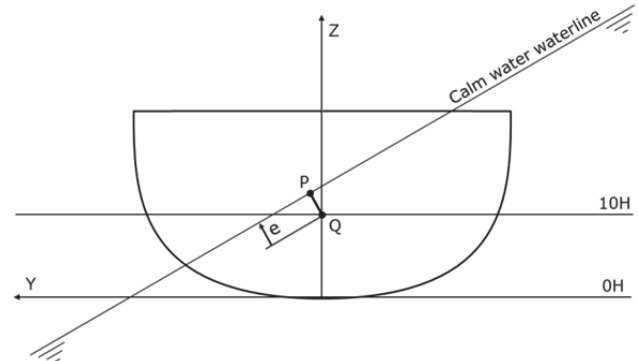


Figure 7 Sinkage.

Balance is achieved if the three following conditions are met:

$$\varepsilon_V = \nabla_0 - \nabla = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

$$\varepsilon_x = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

$$\varepsilon_y = 0 \quad (1.3)$$

With:

∇ Computed displacement volume (m^3)

∇_0 Ship displacement volume (m^3)

ε_V Volume gap (m^3)

ε_x Longitudinal gap (m, defined below)

ε_y Transverse gap (m, defined below)

Heel can be free (research of the balance position) or fixed (GZ curve computation). In that case, the third condition is ignored and the transverse gap ε_y is the righting arm lever GZ.

Inclined Ship Planes. ε_x and ε_y gaps are respectively the algebraic longitudinal and transverse distances between the centre of gravity (G) and the Earth vertical through the centre of buoyancy (B). Two “inclined ship planes” are defined to compute these gaps. Their line of intersection is the Earth vertical whose director vector is \mathbf{n}_1 .

The transverse plane of inclined ship also contains vector \mathbf{n}_2 defined as:

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1 \wedge \mathbf{X}}{\|\mathbf{n}_1 \wedge \mathbf{X}\|} \quad (2)$$

The longitudinal plane of inclined ship contains \mathbf{n}_1 and \mathbf{n}_3 vectors with:

$$\mathbf{n}_3 = \mathbf{n}_2 \wedge \mathbf{n}_1 \quad (3)$$

In the ship fixed coordinates system, the three vectors are:

$$\begin{aligned} n_{1,x} &= -\sin \theta \\ n_{1,y} &= -\sin \varphi \cos \theta \\ n_{1,z} &= \cos \varphi \cos \theta \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_{2,x} &= 0 \\ n_{2,y} &= \cos \varphi \\ n_{2,z} &= \sin \varphi \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_{3,x} &= \cos \theta \\ n_{3,y} &= -\sin \varphi \sin \theta \\ n_{3,z} &= \cos \varphi \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Thus, ε_x and ε_y gaps are respectively the algebraic distances between G and the transverse and longitudinal planes of the inclined ship. They are computed as follows:

$$\varepsilon_x = \mathbf{BG} \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 \quad (5.1)$$

$$\varepsilon_y = \mathbf{GZ} = \mathbf{BG} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 \quad (5.2)$$

Gaps and planes are shown in Figure 8.

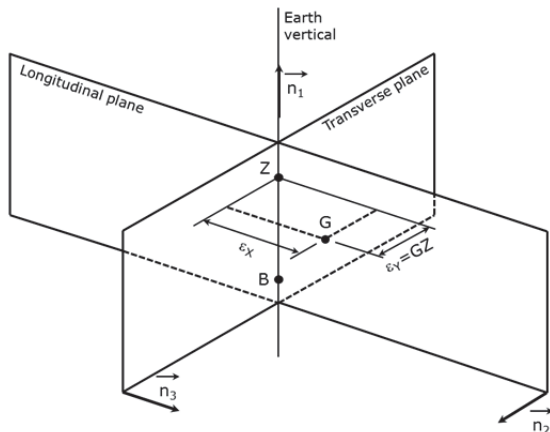


Figure 8 Gaps and inclined ship planes.

This expression of the longitudinal gap is more accurate than the simplified strip method proposed by the SLF 52/INF.2 (annex 6) which consists in:

$$LCB = LCG \quad (6)$$

Hydrostatic computation on calm water. The waterplane, depending on sinkage (e), heel (φ) and trim (θ), is defined with a point P (see Figure 7) and the vector \mathbf{n}_1 with:

$$\mathbf{QP} = e \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \quad (7)$$

When searching for the balance position, the displacement volume (∇) and its centre (B) are computed by cutting the watertight volume mesh by the waterplane.

Hydrostatic computation on waves. Watertight volume is previously divided in strips by cutting with transverse planes. SLF 52/INF.2 (annex 6) recommends at least 20 strips. In each strip, the following are defined (see Figure 9):

- Plane P₁: strip's rear plane.
- Plane P₂: strip's forward plane.
- Line D₃: through point P with director vector \mathbf{n}_3 (longitudinal line included in the calm waterplane).
- Point I₁: intersection of P₁ and D₃.
- Point I₂: intersection of P₂ and D₃.

Three points (A, B and C) define the strip's local waterplane. They are defined as follows (see Figure 9):

$$\mathbf{OA} = \mathbf{OI}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2 + z_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \quad (8.1)$$

$$\mathbf{OB} = \mathbf{OI}_1 - \mathbf{n}_2 + z_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \quad (8.2)$$

$$\mathbf{OC} = \mathbf{OI}_2 + z_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \quad (8.3)$$

With:

$$z_1 = \frac{h}{2} \cos(k \cdot x_1 + \Phi) \quad (9.1)$$

$$z_2 = \frac{h}{2} \cos(k \cdot x_2 + \Phi) \quad (9.2)$$

$$\Phi \in [0, 2\pi[$$

- h Wave height (m)
- k Wave number (m⁻¹)
- x₁ Longitudinal position of the rear plane of the strip
- x₂ Longitudinal position of the forward plane of the strip

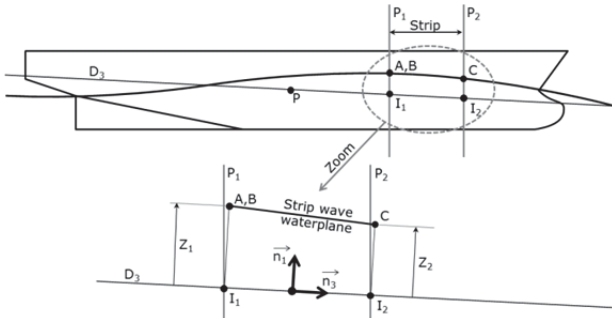


Figure 9 Strip wave waterplane.

Balance - First Method. The process is iterative. At each step, three gaps (two if fixed heel) are computed as explained above. Sinkage, heel and trim are corrected as follows before being used in the next step:

$$e_{i+1} = e_i + \frac{\varepsilon_{\nabla}}{A_{WP}} \quad (10.1)$$

$$\varphi_{i+1} = \varphi_i + \frac{\varepsilon_y}{|GM_T|} \quad (10.2)$$

$$\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i + \frac{\varepsilon_x}{|GM_L|} \quad (10.3)$$

With:

- e_i sinkage at step i (m)
- e_{i+1} sinkage at step i+1 (m)
- φ_i heel at step i (rad)
- φ_{i+1} heel at step i+1 (rad)
- θ_i trim at step i (rad)
- θ_{i+1} trim at step i+1 (rad)

Absolute values of the metacentric heights permit to let the process diverge in case of transverse or longitudinal instability. At first step, the waterplane area (A_{WP}) and metacentric heights (GM_T, GM_L) may be calculated with the hydrostatic table or by direct computation on the waterplane surface mesh, which must be

projected on an Earth-horizontal plane in case of computation on waves. At next steps, they are computed as follows:

$$A_{WP} = \frac{\nabla_{i+1} - \nabla_i}{e_{i+1} - e_i} \quad (11.1)$$

$$GM_T = \frac{\varepsilon_{y,i+1} - \varepsilon_{y,i}}{\varphi_{i+1} - \varphi_i} \quad (11.2)$$

$$GM_L = \frac{\varepsilon_{x,i+1} - \varepsilon_{x,i}}{\theta_{i+1} - \theta_i} \quad (11.3)$$

When the three gaps (ε_∇, ε_φ, ε_θ) are small enough, the balance position is considered reached. This method is compatible with a strong coupling between the heel and trim (unconventional floating structures). However, it is fragile if the coupling between the trim and sinkage is strong because the corrections of trim and sinkage may conflict.

Balance - Second Method. This method is also iterative and has been developed after the publication of the handbook (Grinnaert & Laurens, 2013). Before the iterative process, an initial hydrostatic computation gives the three gaps for initial values of e, θ and φ. At each step of the iterative process, three hydrostatic computations (two if fixed heel) are performed. They permit to evaluate separately the influence of a small increment of sinkage, heel and trim on the values of the three gaps. These computations are listed in Table 2.

	Input data			Output data		
1	e+ε _e	θ	φ	ε _{∇e}	ε _{xε}	ε _{yε}
2	e	θ+ε _θ	φ	ε _{∇θ}	ε _{xθ}	ε _{yθ}
3	e	θ	φ+ε _φ	ε _{∇φ}	ε _{xφ}	ε _{yφ}

Table 2 Hydrostatic computations.

With:

- ε_e d_{full}/100 small sinkage increment
- ε_θ 0.1 degree small trim increment
- ε_e 1.0 degree small heel increment
- d_{full} (m) full loaded ship draught

Then, still in the same iteration, the following system of three equations with three unknowns (2x2 if fixed heel) is solved:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\varepsilon_{\nabla e} - \varepsilon_{\nabla}}{\varepsilon_e} & \frac{\varepsilon_{\nabla \theta} - \varepsilon_{\nabla}}{\varepsilon_{\theta}} & \frac{\varepsilon_{\nabla \varphi} - \varepsilon_{\nabla}}{\varepsilon_{\varphi}} \\ \frac{\varepsilon_{xe} - \varepsilon_x}{\varepsilon_e} & \frac{\varepsilon_{x\theta} - \varepsilon_x}{\varepsilon_{\theta}} & \frac{\varepsilon_{x\varphi} - \varepsilon_x}{\varepsilon_{\varphi}} \\ \frac{\varepsilon_{ye} - \varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_e} & \frac{\varepsilon_{y\theta} - \varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_{\theta}} & \frac{\varepsilon_{y\varphi} - \varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_{\varphi}} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} de \\ d\theta \\ d\varphi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\varepsilon_{\nabla} \\ -\varepsilon_x \\ -\varepsilon_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Unknowns are de , $d\theta$ and $d\varphi$, which are increments of sinkage, trim and heel to be added at current values to cancel the gaps. The second and third terms of the diagonal are respectively the longitudinal and transverse metacentric heights. Their sign may be used to detect instability and invert the sign of the trim and heel increments.

At the end of the iteration, a last hydrostatic computation is done using corrected values of sinkage, trim and heel. If the three gaps are small enough, the balance position is considered reached.

This second method is as suitable as the first for a strong coupling between the heel and trim. It is more robust in case of strong coupling between the trim and sinkage. The number of iterations is very small (1 or 2, see Table 3) but the number of hydrostatic computations is similar. If n is the number of iterations, the number of hydrostatic computations is $3n + 1$ if the heel is fixed and $4n + 1$ if it's free.

Comparison of Methods. Table 3 shows the GZ computed for a 13,000-ton ferry (length 160 m) using both methods. It also shows numbers of iterations and hydrostatic computations to reach each balance position with fixed heel. The maximum allowed gaps are 1 m^3 in volume and 1 millimetre for ε_x . The maximum difference between both GZ is lower than 0.02 millimetres.

Heel (deg.)	First method			Second method		
	GZ (m)	Nb. iter.	Nb. calc.	GZ (m)	Nb. iter.	Nb. calc.
0	0.000	8	8	0.000	2	7
1	0.042	6	6	0.042	1	4
2	0.085	7	7	0.085	1	4
3	0.130	11	11	0.130	1	4
4	0.176	7	7	0.176	1	4
5	0.224	7	7	0.224	1	4
10	0.484	8	8	0.484	2	7
15	0.774	8	8	0.774	2	7
20	1.103	8	8	1.103	2	7
25	1.441	7	7	1.441	2	7
30	1.737	8	8	1.737	2	7
35	1.984	5	5	1.984	2	7
40	2.179	5	5	2.179	2	7
45	2.252	6	6	2.252	2	7
50	2.189	6	6	2.189	2	7
Sum		107		Sum		90

Table 3 Comparison of both balance methods.

Transverse metacentric height computation. The transverse metacentric height is computed using two first points of the GZ curve (0 and 1 degree).

$$GM_T = \left(\frac{dGZ}{d\varphi} \right)_{\varphi=0} \quad (13)$$

In the case of the hydrostatic computation on waves, the inertia of the projected waterplane is not used as recommended in the simplified strip method proposed by the IMO (see SLF 52/INF.2 annex 6).

3. APPLICATION TO THE PURE LOSS OF STABILITY FAILURE MODE

3.1 Goal and Ship Presentation

The volume method is applied to compute the first and the second level of pure loss of stability criteria for a ferry whose characteristics are shown in Table 4. These criteria are extracted from second generation intact stability criteria, which are currently under development and validation at the IMO.

They are thoroughly presented by Umeda (2013). Two methods are proposed for the level one criterion. The first method considers a parallel waterplane with lowest draught (d_L). The second method consists in minimum GM_T computation on a static sinusoidal wave which has the same length as the ship. Both methods are tested. No assumption of centre of gravity position is made. KG_{max} curves are computed for several displacements with zero trim. Two watertight volumes are considered, respectively limited at 14 m and 9 m above base line. Their meshes include appendages. Void spaces are truncated (bow thruster's tunnel and retractable stabilizers' housings).

Length overall	L_{OA}	175 m
Length between perpendiculars	L_{PP}	160 m
Breadth	B	24 m
Full load displacement	Δ	13147 tons
Draught	d_{full}	6.00 m
Froude number @ 25 knots	F_n	0.325

Table 4 Ship main characteristics.

3.2 Watertight volume limited at 14 m

KG_{max} curves for the first and the second level of pure loss of stability criteria are shown in Figure 10.

First level. Both methods proposed for the first level give significantly different results. The first is quite more conservative than the second. The curve associated with first method has a hook at a draught of 5.67 m, which is the consequence of a loss of inertia on the parallel waterplane due to the stabilizers housings (see dark grey waterplane in Figure 11). Using the theoretical hull would mask this phenomenon.

Recommendation: Regulation should specify the hull to use (real or bare). It should be noted that the simplified strip method proposed by the SLF 52/INF.2 annex 6 is not compatible with a real hull. This simplified method has been used by Wandji and Corrigan to apply the second generation criteria on a large sample of ships (Wandji, et al., 2012).

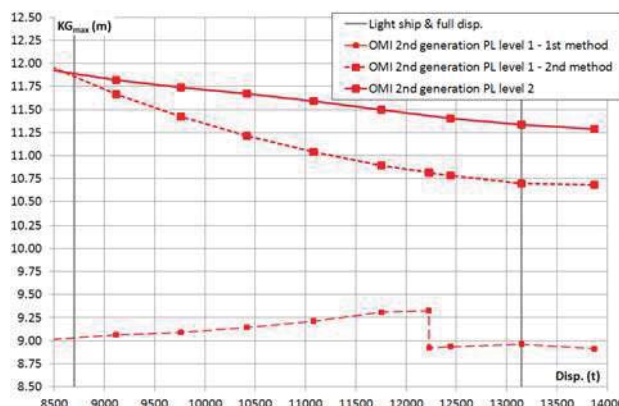


Figure 10 KG_{max} curves associated with 1st and 2nd level pure loss of stability criteria.



Figure 11 Parallel waterplanes for $d=6.00$ m (light grey) and $d_L=3.33$ m (dark grey).

Second level. We observe that the second level criterion is less conservative than both first level methods (except for one point below light ship displacement).

Comparison with first generation criteria. KG_{max} curves associated with first and second generation criteria are compared in Figure 12. We observe that the pure stability loss criteria do not introduce a higher requirement for this ship. The existing ship will comply with the new regulation but the architect will need to compute the second level criterion to prove it.

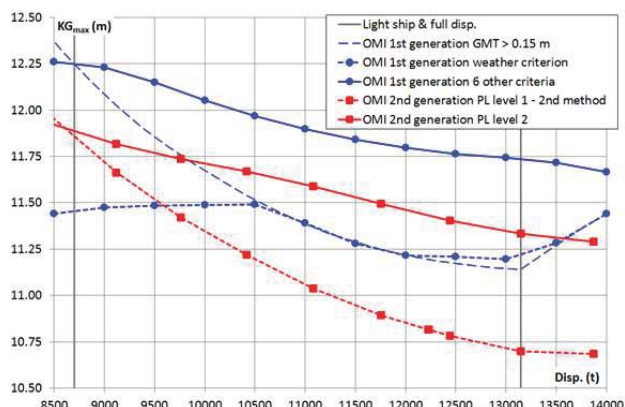


Figure 12 Comparison of 1st and 2nd generation criteria KG_{max} curves.

3.3 Influence of watertight deck height

The watertight deck is lowered from 14 to 9 metres.

First level. Lowering the watertight deck has normally no influence on the first level criterion which considers only metacentric height (hence small inclinations). For the first method (parallel waterplane at lowest draught), this is evident. For the second method (GM computation on wave), the wave crest should pass over the watertight deck, reducing the waterplane and its inertia. This situation does not occur with the watertight deck at 9 m (free-board at full load is 3 m, to be compared with wave half-height which is 2.67 m). However, it appears at a draught over 6 m if the watertight deck is lowered at 8 m (in this case the ship does not comply with the current regulation). See KG_{\max} curves in Figure 13.

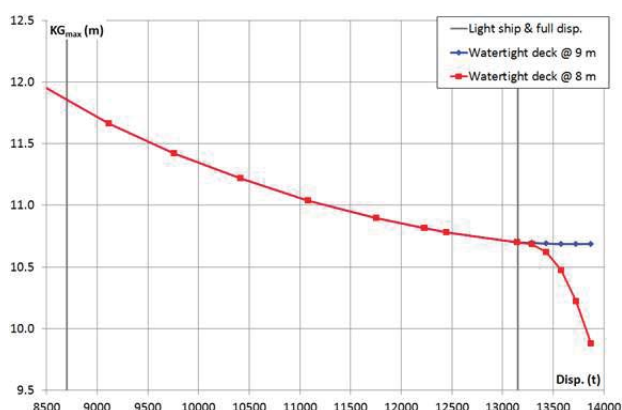


Figure 13 KG_{\max} curves for 1st level criterion (2nd method) for watertight deck at 9 and 8 m.

The situation for the last point of the curve “Watertight deck @ 8 m” in Figure 13 ($d=6.25$ m) is shown in Figure 14. The waterplane is truncated on a quarter of its length. This situation should not occur in reality because the wave crest should not flood the garage deck even if its volume is considered as not watertight.

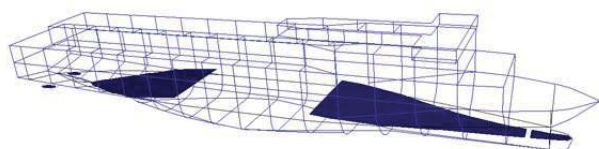


Figure 14 Truncated waterplane.

Recommendation: Regulation should specify the watertight volume to use. French military regulation (IG6018A) considers two different watertight volumes. The “bulkhead deck” is its upper limit which is tight to prolonged immersion. This watertight volume is considered in damage stability. In this sample, this deck should be the garage deck at 8 or 9 m above baseline. The “weather deck” is the upper limit which is tight to non-prolonged immersion. It may be the bulkhead deck or above. The increased watertight volume associated with this deck is considered in intact stability. In this sample, this deck should be located at 14 m above baseline (first passenger deck).

Second level. KG_{\max} curves associated with the second level criterion for the lowered watertight volume height are shown in Figure 15. They are compared to those associated with the first level (independent from the watertight volume height) and those associated with the first generation criteria recalculated for the same watertight volume. As before, we observe that the pure loss of stability criteria do not introduce any additional requirement compared to first generation criteria. However, we note that the second level criterion is more demanding than the first level criterion calculated by the second method (GM computation on wave). This is a paradoxical situation.

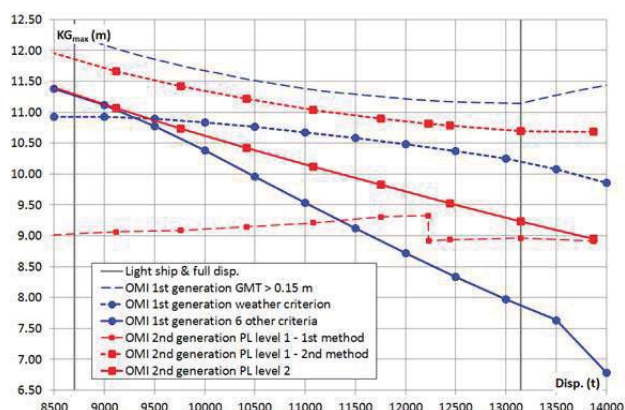


Figure 15 KG_{\max} curves for a watertight volume limited at 9 m.

Figure 16 compares the KG_{\max} curves associated with pure loss of stability criteria first and second level computed for both watertight decks located at 9 m and 14 m from baseline.

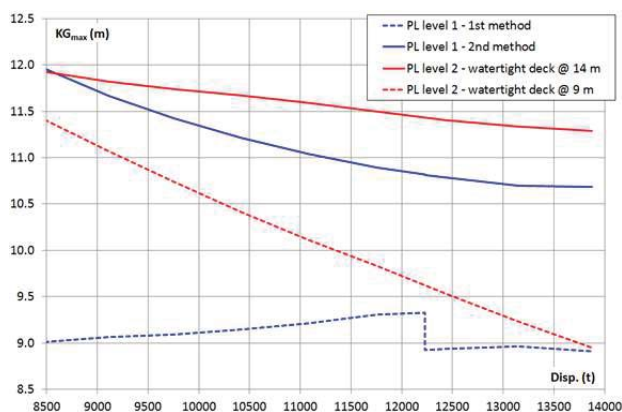


Figure 16 Influence of the watertight volume height on pure loss of stability KG_{\max} curves.

4. CONCLUSION

The 3D hydrostatic volume code implemented in the Calcoque software is fully compatible with the first and second level pure loss of stability criteria. It can handle the real hull of the ship, with its appendages and void spaces. Use of this code to compute KG_{\max} curves of a passenger ship showed:

- New requirements regarding pure loss of stability criteria are similar to those of the first generation criteria.
- The importance of a rigorous definition of the watertight volume to be considered (real or bare hull, upper limit).
- A paradoxical situation when the watertight deck is lowered (first level requires more than second level).

The study should be continued with other civilian and military ships of different geometries and extended to parametric roll, whose hydrostatic computations are similar to those of pure loss of stability.

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ABSTRACT

Since the ESTONIA accident in 1994, the so called water on deck problem for RoRo-Passenger Ships has been subject to many investigations. Being the central part of the Stockholm-Agreement (MSC Circ.1891 and EU directive), the water on deck problem was included in the damage stability calculations in addition to SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8. Although some of the assumptions are not physical sound, it is obvious that the safety level of RoRo- Passenger Ships has significantly been improved by including the water on deck problem in the safety regime. Unfortunately, the SOLAS 2009 does not explicitly address this problem, and there have been indications that the present safety level of the SOLAS 2009 seems not to cover the Stockholm Agreement for most of the smaller RoRo- Passenger Ships/ Ferries. However, when accidents of ships are analysed where water on the vehicle deck plays the dominating role, one finds that in most cases the problem is more related to intact stability. This is due to the fact that the involved ships were not damaged below the waterline, and this does especially hold for all problems related to firefighting on the vehicle deck.

Therefore we tried to formulate the water on deck problem as an intact stability criterion. In a first step, the stability limiting amount of water on deck needs to be determined. Then, in a second step, righting levers for the intact condition including this amount of water on deck can be computed, and some defined intact stability criteria can be applied. When determining the amount of water on deck which shall be used as design value, it is useful to analyse the relevant accidents. As a matter of fact, the ships accumulated water on deck due to various reasons, and the crew continued their operation until the situation became irreversible. They were not aware that they had run into a dangerous situation. This led to the idea to use the alteration of the roll period with water on deck as a suitable design criterion) and as an indicator for dangerous situation which easily can be measured by the crew). Consequently, we performed numerical roll decay tests with several RoRo-Passenger ships, where we varied the amount of water on deck. As an interesting result, we found that when increasing the amount of water on deck, the roll period first increases slightly and then changes drastically with a steep gradient. As a good rule of thumb we found that when the roll period doubles, a significant amount of water has accumulated on deck, but the ship still has a significant remaining stability margin against capsizing. Thus we used this approach to come to a reasonable design value for the minimum amount of water to be considered on deck. We also found a significant influence from centre casings on the amount of water on deck, which has to be considered. The proposed stability criteria have to be complied with for the intact condition including a dedicated amount of water on deck. These loading conditions were defined in such a way that all ships which are fully compliant to Stockholm Agreement do also fulfil our new approach, which is quite robust.

Keywords: *RoRo-Passenger Vessel, Water on Deck Problem, GM required curves, safety level.*



1. INTRODUCTION

One of the critical design characteristics of RoRo-Passenger Vessels is the large vehicle deck. In case of water ingress into the vehicle deck, the water is flowing freely on the deck and substantial heeling moments can be built up. If the amount of accumulated water on such a vehicle deck is increasing up to a critical value, the (initial) stability of the ship is going to vanish and the ship rapidly capsizes or takes a substantial heeling angle which extends the evacuation time significantly. Due to the nature of capsizing, accidents with water on deck often lead to a large number of casualties that might be reduced if one can set up a simple rule for crew and officers when the amount of accumulated water would become dangerous. Water may accumulate on deck due to opened vehicle compartments (Heraklion, Estonia), or by faulty operations (Herald of Free Enterprise, Jan Hewliusz) or due to firefighting measures (Al SALAM BOCCACIO). The ESTONIA disaster has made the water on deck problem obvious, and after this accident the damage stability regulations for RoRo-Passenger ships operating in European waters have been updated by explicitly taking into account accumulated water on deck. These regulations are known as “Stockholm-Agreement”. The basic design philosophy behind this stability standard is to reduce the amount of possible floodwater on the vehicle deck by sufficient residual freeboard between the vehicle deck and the damaged waterline. If this criterion cannot be complied with, the stability of the ship must be increased in such a way that the ship can withstand the assumed amount of floodwater which led to an increase vehicle deck for post ESTONIA RoRo-Passenger ship designs. Despite the fact that the physical background of the Stockholm- Agreement was subject to many discussions in the past, there is no doubt that the application of this regulation to RoRo- Passenger vessels has significantly improved the overall safety level of this ship type.

When the stability code for Passenger Vessels was updated with the enforcement of the SOLAS 2009, the damage stability regime for Passenger Vessels became a probabilistic one. In SOLAS 2009, water on deck is not explicitly addressed, but the Stockholm Agreement remains in force for all RoRo-Passenger vessels calling a European Port. As the Stockholm- Agreement is a local stability standard only, there are many discussions and research projects dealing with the question if in the framework of the SOLAS 2009 the Stockholm- Agreement is still needed or not. The results were quite controversial: Some researches came to the conclusion that the SOLAS 2009 would provide a higher safety level compared to the Stockholm- Agreement, and others pointed out that there might be still a deficiency even in the new SOLAS 2009. As a consequence of this discussion, a modification of the s-factor of the SOLAS 2009 for RoRo-Passenger ships has been suggested during the last SDC- session at IMO with a future option to skip the Stockholm agreement. It is still an option (and presently under discussion) to modify the required index R of the SOLAS 2009. However this poses the difficulty that a modified R-index would also affect all vessels designed according to the SPS code, as the SPS code refers to the SOLAS 2009. In fact, the situation is quite complex. To come to possible solutions, the following two questions need to be answered:

- Is there still a need for considering water on deck for RoRo-Passenger vessels even in the frame work of the SOLAS 2009?
- If the first question is answered with “yes”, which possible options exist to improve the design of RoRo passenger ships?

Consequently, the present paper will deal with these two questions.

2. STABILITY OVERVIEW

In this chapter, we will discuss the influence of the existing different regulations on the design of RoRo-Passenger ships. This is necessary to understand if there is a need for the explicit treatment of water on deck or not.

2.1 Before 2009

Before 2009, the situation was quite clear: A RoRo- Passenger ship had to fulfil SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8 (deterministic approach) including permissible floodable lengths. If the ship was operated in Europe, it had also to fulfil Stockholm- Agreement, where the full compliance was obtained if the ship was designed for a significant wave height of 4m. Depending on the number of passengers, the ship had to withstand one or two compartment flooding. The damage length was defined as $0.03L+3m$, and the penetration depth was maximum $B/5$. The ship had to survive all possible damages within the prescribed damage extents. Due to the deterministic nature of the stability standard, not all possible damages could be included. Otherwise it would not have been possible to design a ship. Krueger and Dankowski [1] have analysed the amount of damages covered by the SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8, depending on the ship length L (see Fig. 1, green curve).

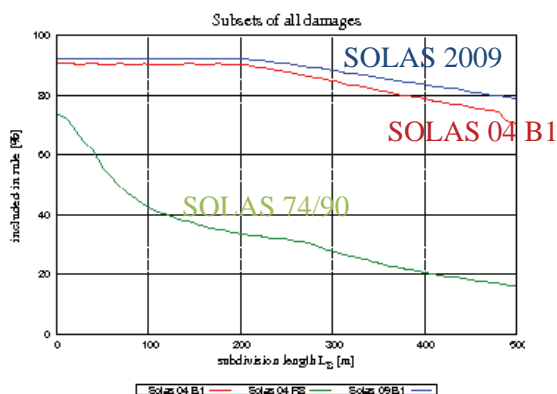


Figure 1: Percentage of possible damages covered by several damage stability standards. Green: SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8, 2- Compartment-Flooding.

If we assume that the HARDER- statistics represents all possible damages (100%), we can obtain from Monte- Carlo- Simulations the percentage of damages which are covered by e.g. SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8. Fig. 1 shows that for a 200m RoRo-Passenger ship, only abt. 35% of all possible damages are included, but the ship has to survive them all. Due to this circumstance, the ship has a hidden safety reserve, because it is well possible that the ship survives damages which are not in the scope of SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8. Despite these considerations, the situation was in principle quite clear for the designer, but there remained the following practical difficulties:

- The floodable length calculation was challenging when the ship was equipped with a long lower hold.
- The safety philosophy targeted on sufficient residual freeboard, at the same time it was not allowed to submerge the Margin Line. This made double hull designs/side casings (on the vehicle deck) not attractive, and the increased residual freeboard resulted in increased VCGs and all the related problems.

But as already pointed out, the overall safety level seemed to be sufficient.

2.2 Since 2009

The SOLAS 2009 has put forward a probabilistic damage stability assessment. As a consequence, more possible damages have to be investigated (blue curve in Fig. 1) compared to the previous deterministic standard, but not all of these damages have to be survived. The amount of damages which has to be survived strongly depends on the number of passengers on board, and slightly on the ship length (exactly: The required R- index). Now the number of passengers on board determines the safety level of the ship. It is well known that if a ship is only designed according to probabilistic principles, designs may be created

where a minor damage can lead to the total loss of the ship. Therefore, the SOLAS 2009 also contains a deterministic addendum which prohibits such designs. The damage assumptions of this deterministic addendum have been taken from SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8, but with a reduced maximum penetration of B/10 instead of B/5. If the ship has less than 400 persons, one compartment damage is assumed. This requirement must also be fulfilled by each ship complying with SOLAS 2009. If the ship shall operate in European waters, the Stockholm- Agreement must be additionally applied which results in B/5 damage penetration and the additional water on deck. This makes the design consideration more complicated and reduces the designer's flexibility. In the following we will discuss the problem further.

If we look at the SOLAS 2009 only, we have to fulfil two requirements: The probabilistic part and the deterministic addendum. The safety level of the probabilistic part strongly depends on the number of passengers, the deterministic part does not (except for the decision of one or two compartment flooding). It is now of utmost importance to understand which of the two elements of the SOLAS 2009 is the governing stability criterion: If the number of passengers is sufficiently high, the probabilistic part determines the safety level. On the other hand, if the number of passengers is small enough, the deterministic part of the SOLAS 2009 determines the stability. From some sample calculations we have made [1], one can roughly say that this number of passengers is about 1500. That means that for all RoRo-Passenger-Vessels with about 1500 or less passengers, the stability limit of the SOLAS 2009 is defined by the deterministic addendum (SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8, but B/10 penetration).

If such a design now needs to comply with the Stockholm- Agreement, the situation becomes at least challenging as this standard prescribes to survive all B/5 damages according to SOLAS 74/90 II-1/8. In such a

case, the safety of the ship is determined by the Stockholm- Agreement. In [1] we have developed a method to quantify the difference of the absolute safety levels of different damage stability standards, as an example see Fig. 2. Concerning the ship design this simply means that if a RoRo-Passenger ship with about 1500 Pax or less shall be designed to operate in European Waters, the designer simply needs to fulfil the Stockholm- Agreement. The SOLAS 2009 is then also fulfilled, maybe with small design changes.

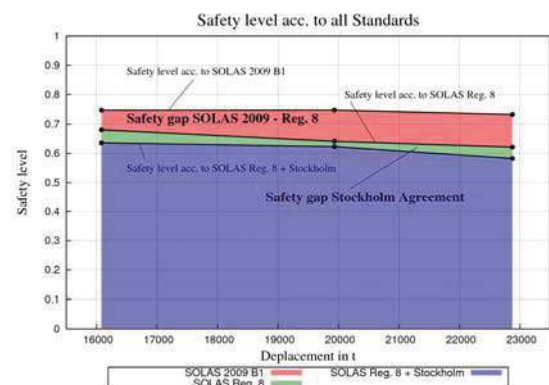


Figure 2: Determination of safety levels of different damage stability standards. Here: 1500 Pax, 200m RoPax with B/10 Lower Hold [1].

It has been in principle understood that there remains a problem in the SOLAS 2009 with passenger ships carrying a smaller number of passengers. This holds for all passenger vessels. Consequently there are ongoing discussions to possibly modify the R- index for smaller number of passengers. But the difficulty remains that all SPS ships might also be affected by such a modification.

On the other hand it became obvious that at least a rough treatment of the large vehicle decks of RoRo-Passenger should be included in the damage stability. A modification of the s- factor has been suggested, where the required righting lever h and the range of positive righting levers have been increased. However, one needs to remember that the s- factor is determined from a power of $1/4$, and thus small alterations of the required values are not effective. It is therefore questionable whether

this approach is a full compensation of the water on deck problem.

From all these findings, we can draw the following conclusions:

- There seems to be a necessity to improve the R- index for passenger ships with smaller number of passengers. This problem affects all passenger ships.
- It is not yet clear whether the modification of the s- factor is sufficient. This problem affects only RoRo- passenger ships.

What makes a solution extremely challenging is that both conclusions are coupled together: It may turn out that if a possible future R-value is conservative enough, there may be no need to explicitly include water on deck in the damage stability assessment. On the other hand one has to remember that a critical amount water on deck leads to a rapid capsize of the ship, and it is not certain in how far this failure mode is still in the scope of a possibly revised SOLAS 2009. Therefore, according to the opinion of the authors it makes sense to look for alternative possibilities to include a possible rapid capsize scenario due to a critical amount of water on deck in a stability regime. This could also help to separate problems which are only related to RoRo-Passenger ships from problems which are relevant for all types of passenger vessels.

2.3 General considerations

When we deal with the water ingress on a RoRo-Passenger ship vehicle deck, we automatically consider it as a damage stability problem. But is that really true? As a matter of fact, the bulkhead deck is the upper limit of the water tight subdivision, and all watertight bulkheads must be extended to this deck (with an exception of moveable bow ramps). Above the vehicle deck, the ship is typically weathertight, and it needs to be weathertight to fulfil the intact stability requirements. From a pure damage stability point of view, the

accumulation of water on deck could simply be avoided by arranging freeing ports, but then, the ship cannot fulfil the intact stability requirements. Consequently, the ingress of water on a vehicle deck means water ingress above the watertight subdivision on the freeboard deck (which is the bulkhead deck for a RoRo-Passenger vessel). Regardless how the water has entered into the vehicle compartment, we put forward the argument that we can formally treat water on the freeboard deck as a green water problem on the freeboard deck. This becomes more obvious if we take into account one event which can lead to a substantial accumulation of water on the vehicle deck, namely firefighting. In these cases (like AL SALAM BOCACCIO) the ship did not have a structural damage which lead to a water ingress. Although in other cases water entered on the vehicle deck due to structural damages (ESTONIA and HERAKLION), these damages were always above the watertight subdivision, affecting a weathertight superstructure. The same holds for the accidents of JAN HEWELIUSZ and HERALD OF FREE ENTERPRISE. These ships did also not experience a damage of the watertight subdivision. The same holds for the RoRo-Ferry investigated by Ikeda et. Al. during model experiments, where water was allowed to enter the vehicle deck through the open bow door [6]. The only exemption known to the authors is the EUROPEAN GATEWAY accident. This ship experienced a damage below the bulkhead deck. A large heel during an intermediate stage of flooding occurred, which resulted in progressive flooding of the vehicle deck and finally the ship capsized. This is indeed a typical damage stability accident, and the failure is well covered by the existing damage stability regime.

From these findings we can conclude that most of the accidents where water ingress on the vehicle deck played a major role are actually accidents where the ship did not formally experience damage to the watertight subdivision, but water entered on the freeboard deck of an intact ship. Due to the unique design

boundary condition of RoRo-Passenger vessels, no freeing ports can be arranged on the freeboard deck to allow the water to leave the deck. Consequently, this circumstance allows water to accumulate on the freeboard deck which is a potential threat to the safety of the ship. This situation is unique for RoRo-Passenger vessels, and needs according to our opinion a unique treatment. From these findings, the following arguments can be put forward:

- Due to the fact that most accidents with water on deck happened in an intact ship condition with respect to the watertight subdivision, this problem should be regulated by the intact stability regulations.
- Due to the unique design boundary condition of RoRo-Passenger vessels, the problem must be dealt with only for this specific ship type.

If once the argument is put forward to formulate an intact stability criterion for RoRo-Passenger ships, this has also the advantage that the water on deck problem can be completely decoupled from the current developments of the damage stability code.

With the above mentioned findings it becomes clear that there is always the risk that a critical amount of water may enter the vehicle deck on an intact RoRo-Passenger ship and will accumulate there. Consequently, a RoRo-passenger vessel must have the ability to withstand a certain amount of water on the vehicle in the intact condition. If this is once put forward, the following questions have to be answered:

- How much floodwater shall be assumed on the vehicle deck?
- How shall the stability requirements be validated?

If the first point has successfully been treated, the stability requirements could then simply be solved by taking into account the

stability reduction due to the free surface of the floodwater in the vehicle deck.

These questions will be answered in the following sections.

3. AMOUNT OF DESIGN WATER ON DECK

The first step of a possible intact stability criterion covering water on the vehicle deck must be the determination of a reasonable amount of water which is to be assumed on the vehicle deck. The Stockholm-Agreement relates this amount of floodwater to the residual freeboard to the bulkhead deck. The design philosophy behind this approach is that any water ingress into the vehicle compartment should be avoided as far as possible. This approach neglects the fact water ingress due to firefighting is independent from the position of vehicle deck. The same holds for the development of the so called “static equivalent method” (SEM), which was developed by Vassalos [2] as an improvement of the Stockholm-Agreement. To cover also the firefighting problem, an alternative approach needs to be developed.

In this context it helps to analyse the most important accidents where water on deck played a major role. All these accidents followed a comparable scheme: Due to different circumstances, water entered on the vehicle deck and started to accumulate there. The crew was not aware of the fact that the situation became dangerous, and they continued their operation. When the amount of water increased to a critical value, the crew detected that there was something wrong, but then it was already too late: The ship experienced a large heel, all the water on deck flew to one side and the situation was irreversible. Consequently, a criterion for a critical amount of water on deck shall try to avoid that the stability situation leads to an irreversible condition. The irreversibility of such conditions lies in the fact that the water

which has been accumulated in a quasi upright condition suddenly flows to one side when the initial stability becomes small or even negative. This circumstance has brought up the idea to analyse the roll period with water on deck. This can be done by a numerical roll decay test. We have used the nonlinear time domain seakeeping code E4ROLLS [3] to perform such calculations. Nafouti [4] has used this technique to analyse the alteration of the roll period of several RoRo-Passenger vessels where he has systematically varied the amount of water on deck. In the computations, the water on the vehicle deck is modelled by shallow water equations according to Glimm's method [5] and it is allowed to flow freely on the vehicle deck. The method is also able to take into account the blockage of the flow due to a centre casing. The roll motion can be initiated by a non-zero roll speed at the upright condition. From the computed time series, the roll period can be determined.

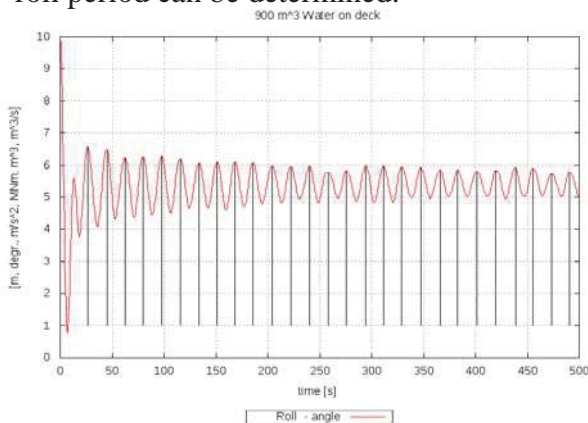


Fig. 3: Numerical roll decay test with 900m³ water on deck of the RoPax Ferry EMSA2 [4],[1].

The principle is shown in Fig. 3. The figure shows the time plot of the roll angle of the RoPax- Ferry EMSA2 [1] with 900m³ water on the vehicle deck. When the roll motion is excited by an initial disturbance, the ship gradually oscillates around the final static equilibrium. The roll period with water on deck can then simply be determined by counting the peaks. When the amount of water on deck is systematically varied, the alteration of the roll period can be determined as a function of the amount of water on deck. This has been done

for twelve different RoRo-Passenger ship configurations. In the beginning, a centre casing was not considered. The results were quite interesting, and two of them are presented in figures 4 and 5.

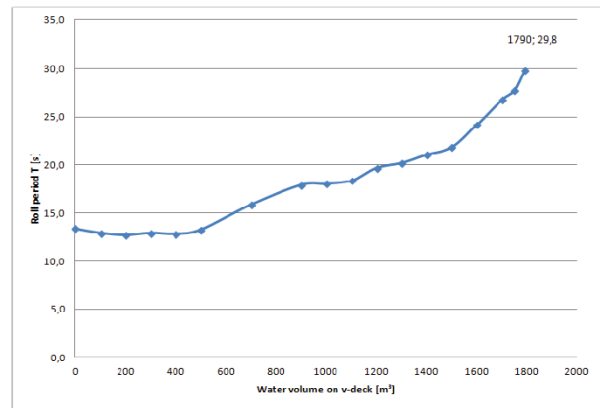


Figure 4: Alteration of the roll period as a function of the amount of water on the vehicle deck for the RoPax EMSA1 [1].

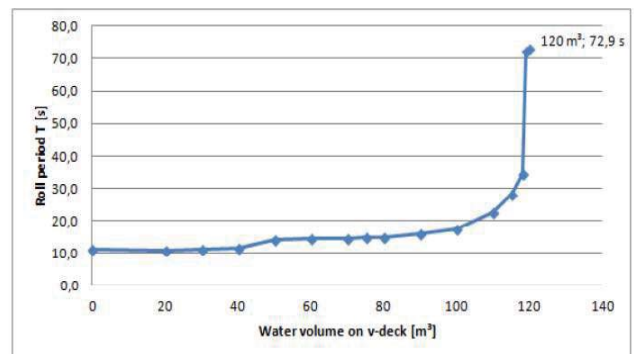


Figure 5: Alteration of the roll period as a function of the amount of water on deck, for the RoPax EMSA2.

The figures show the development of the roll period of two RoRo-Passenger vessels as a function of the water volume on deck. This has been increased until the ship reached a large heel of 30 Degree or more during the computation. This critical volume is also indicated in the figures. For smaller volumes the results show that the roll period changes slightly, and the gradient of the curve becomes steeper towards the final capsizes. This can be nicely observed in Fig. 4. This general trend was found for all ships analysed. Fig. 4 leads to the idea that a doubling of the roll period due to



the influence of water on deck can be taken as a first idea to determine the minimum amount of water on deck the ship has to withstand: There is still a good safety margin from the doubling of the roll period to the final capsize, and a substantial amount of water is required to actually double the roll period. Therefore we have chosen the doubling of the roll period in a numerical roll decay test to determine an amount of water which could be used for the stability evaluation in a later step (such change of the roll period can also be observed by officers and crew). We have checked this relation for other RoRo-Passenger ship designs and came to similar conclusions.

But this criterion alone is not sufficient: If for example a wide double hull would be fitted onto the vehicle deck, it will not be possible to double the roll period with reasonable amounts of water on deck. Therefore, we need a second criterion which limits the design amount of water on deck in case a doubling of the roll period cannot be achieved. From our investigations (with indeed a limited number of designs) it seemed to be most promising to limit the amount of water on deck to 6% of the total displacement. This gave the best agreement with the numerical computations. Then it finally boils down to the following procedure to determine the design amount of water on deck:

Determine the amount of water on deck which leads to a doubling of the roll period.

Determine 6% of the total displacement and take the smaller value of both evaluations.

A special consideration is required for centre casings: A centre casing has no influence on the hydrostatics of the floodwater, but it prohibits the free flow on the vehicle deck. Consequently, a larger amount of water is required to double the roll period when a centre casing is fitted. From a safety point of view, this is correct, because according to the authors' opinion, the centre casing bears an additional risk: If the water accumulates on a

vehicle deck with a centre casing, the floodwater dynamics lead to a less severe alteration of the ship's motion, and the crew has reduced chances to detect that the situation is potentially dangerous. According to our basic assumptions this means that more water on the deck will be accumulated as without a centre casing. When the ship then begins to list, all the floodwater flows irreversibly to one side and the centre casing becomes irrelevant. Consequently, long centre casings could make the situation potentially more dangerous, and this would require a larger amount of water on deck to be considered during the design. Such behaviour is exactly demonstrated by the computations of the numerical roll decay tests. But this means that also the limiting value of the amount of water on deck needs to be corrected for the presence of a centre casing. We have performed all calculations for configurations with and without centre casing, and the length of the casings was systematically varied [4]. From the comparison of the different numerical results we suggest the following relation for the minimum amount of water which should be considered on the vehicle deck:

$$V(T=2T_0) [\%] = 6 [\%] + 3.75 (L_{\text{Casing}}/L_{\text{Deck}}) [\%]$$

Here, V is the design volume of water on deck as percentage of the total displacement, L_{Casing} denotes the overall length of the centre casing and L_{Deck} is the length of the vehicle deck. However, one needs to take into account that due to the limited number of designs we have analyzed, this relationship may be seen as a first rough guess.

This design amount of water on deck is now used to carry out calculations of the static lever arm curves.

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The design amount of water on the vehicle deck which has been determined by a.m.

procedure is now used to carry out computations of the static righting lever. The volume is kept constant and the ship (including the water) is allowed to trim freely. The principal shape of such a righting lever curve is shown in Fig. 6.

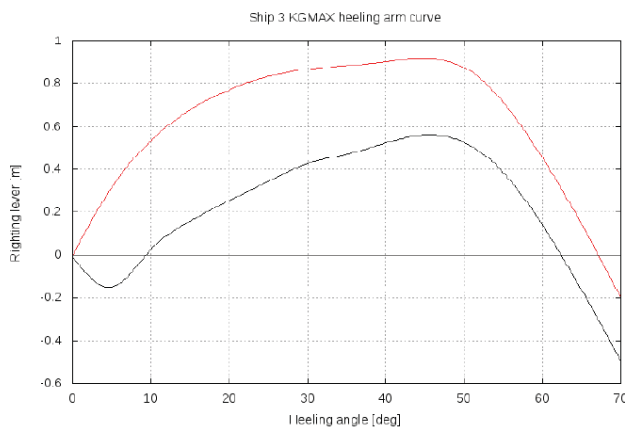


Figure 6: Righting lever curves of the intact condition (red) and with the design volume of water on deck (black) according to section 4.

Figure 6 shows the comparison of the righting lever curve for the intact condition (red) and the remaining stability when the design amount of water on deck is applied. For this particular righting lever curve stability criteria need to be developed. These criteria should be close to criteria which are already in use. They should be of the following type:

- The static equilibrium should be limited to a certain value (taking into account limitations for possible evacuation).
- The negative area under the righting lever curve should be limited in relation to the positive residual area under the righting lever curve to avoid capsizing when the ship swings over to the other side.
- There should be a requirement for the maximum lever and for the area below the righting lever curve.

These kinds of criteria are principally known from other IMO- instruments. The question is now to find reasonable minimum values.

One possible approach to set up the limiting values is that the safety level of a RoRo-Passenger ship according to the newly proposed criterion shall be equivalent to the existing safety level. For most of the ships we have analyzed, the safety level was determined by the Stockholm- Agreement. Only the two ships EMSA1 and EMSA2 did not comply with the Stockholm Agreement. For our investigations, they were additionally fitted with a double hull on the vehicle deck until they were compliant with the Stockholm Agreement. All our ships were then evaluated by the described procedure. If all Stockholm Agreement - compliant ships should pass the newly developed criterion, the following stability values need to be obtained including the design amount of water on the vehicle deck:

- The static heel should be limited to 12 Degree.
- The area under the righting lever curve from the equilibrium to the angle of no return or possible progressive flooding must be three times larger compared to the (negative) area under the righting lever curve from 0 to the equilibrium.
- The maximum righting lever should be 0.2m or more.
- The area under the righting lever curve from the equilibrium to 30 Degree should be 55mmrad or more.

These are reasonable values which are close to those used by the Intact Stability Code 2008. According to our investigations, a RoRo-passenger ship which fulfils these requirements including the design amount of water on the vehicle deck has an equivalent level of safety with respect to water ingress on the vehicle deck as a ship which fulfils the Stockholm-Agreement damage stability standard. Therefore our approach seems to offer a reasonable alternative to cover water on vehicle decks by keeping the existing safety level without the necessity of including this problem in the damage stability regulations.

5. SHIPS INVESTIGATED

The following table summarizes the most important data of the RoRo- Passenger ships. Design alternatives of the basic designs were created by adding additional double hulls and/or center casings of different lengths.

S hip	L	P ax	Lower Hold	Doub.H ull
1	8 0	3 00	No	No
2	2 00	6 00	Yes	No
3	1 50	6 00	No	No
4	1 60	1 600	No	No
5	1 15	6 50	No	Yes
6	1 65	1 500	No	No

The ships 3,4,5 and 6 fulfill the Stockholm-Agreement Standard, the Ships 1 and 2 did not. In our investigations they were made with the Stockholm- Agreement by fitting a double hull on the vehicle deck.

6. CONCLUSIONS

An alternative method was presented which covers the effect of entrapped water in the vehicle deck of a RoRo- Passenger ship on the stability. In contrary to the existing stability standards, our method treats the problem as an intact stability problem. This is justified by the fact that in the relevant accidents, no damage below the bulkhead deck occurred. Further, the newly proposed method covers water

accumulation due to fire fighting. As a first step of the analysis, a design amount of water on the vehicle deck needs to be determined. This can be obtained by the calculation of the roll period, and the design water volume is reached when the roll period takes twice its initial value. If this cannot be achieved, the design water volume is limited. A centre casing is accounted for by an increased design water volume. Static lever arm curves can be calculated including this amount of water on deck, and stability criteria have been proposed which ensure a lever of safety which is equivalent to the Stockholm Agreement. The method is in principle straight forward and quite simple. But it should be further developed: Instead of performing numerical roll decay tests, it could also be possible to establish a relation between hydrostatic parameters of the righting lever curve including water on deck and the resulting roll period, although this might be challenging for the centre casings. And the proposed criteria need further evaluation due to the fact that we investigated a limited number of designs only.

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The Impact of the Inflow Momentum on the Transient Roll Response of a Damaged Ship

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ABSTRACT

Dynamics of an abrupt flooding case are studied by comparing fully dynamic and quasi-static flooding simulation methods. Transient asymmetric flooding is traditionally modelled by dividing the compartment into smaller parts with bulkheads representing different obstructions in the flooded compartment. The implications of this assumption are studied by varying the size of the opening on the dividing bulkhead. The importance of the inflooding jet to the response is shown. The jet i.e. the inflooding momentum flux is modelled as force acting on the lumped mass. When the flooded compartment does not have significant obstructions it is important to account for the inflooding momentum flux.

Keywords: *damage stability; dynamic simulation; transient flooding*

1. INTRODUCTION

Collision or grounding can cause a large opening on the ship hull. An abrupt flooding may lead to ship capsizing at the intermediate stages of flooding (*Spouge, 1985*). The roll response to an abrupt flooding is a complex problem. The geometry of the flooded compartment and the damage affect the flooding. The flooding process consists of the inflow, floodwater motions and its progression (*Khaddaj-Mallat et al., 2011*). These, in turn, are all affected by the ship motions. The ship response and the flooding process are coupled.

The inflow phenomenon is governed by the inflooding jet. The obstructions in the flooded compartment affect the propagation floodwater and the ship response (*de Kat and van't Veer, 2001; Ikeda et al., 2003*). As shown for example in the experiments of *Manderbacka et al., (2015b)*. In the beginning of the flooding a dam-breaking type jet ingress the damaged compartment. When the opening is relatively

large, the jet can push floodwater to the opposite side of the opening. As the jet meets the opposite wall in the compartment a water run-up on the wall takes place. This run-up creates a breaking wave on the wall. The jet is partly reflected from the wall and can create a reflected wave propagating back towards the opening side. As a consequence, the sloshing of the floodwater is created.

The inflow jet had been observed to play an important role in case of an undivided compartment. The ship can roll to the opposite side of the damage. In this case, the opening can be lifted above the sea surface and the inflow can be stopped (*Ikeda and Ma, 2000; Ikeda and Kamo, 2001*). The inflooding jet can be slowed down in case of a compartment with obstructions. In these cases, a quasi-static modelling of the flooding may be sufficient. The transient asymmetric flooding of symmetrical compartments has traditionally been modelled by dividing the compartment into smaller parts with bulkheads representing



different obstructions e.g. the main engines in the flooded compartment, Santos *et al.* (2002) and Ruponen *et al.* (2009). If the size of the connecting opening between the parts is large, the dynamics of the floodwater may still be significant. In this paper the implications of this assumption are studied by varying the size of the opening on the dividing bulkhead.

This work aims to study the impact of the inflow momentum on the roll response for different damaged compartment layouts. Here a calculation method described in Manderbacka *et al.*, (2015a) based on the lumped mass motions is applied (Spanos and Papanikolaou, 2001; Jasionowski, 2001; Valanto, 2008). The ship and flooded water motions are fully coupled and simulated in the time domain. The rate of change of the momentum due to the inflooding water (inflow momentum) is accounted for.

The impact of the inflow momentum is studied for different damaged compartment layouts for an abrupt large flooding. The response to transient flooding is simulated for undivided and divided compartments. The divided compartments have non-watertight divisions allowing but limiting the cross-flooding. A systematic variation of flooded space arrangements is realized. Size of the damage and internal opening in the divided compartment are varied. The limits of the flooded compartment geometry (size and divisions) where the inflow momentum should be accounted for and where the quasi-static simulation is sufficient are studied.

2. METHODS

Ship motions are modelled as a rigid 6 d.o.f motions. Hydrostatic forces acting on the ship hull are integrated over the actual wetted surface. Hull surface is presented with triangular panels.

Radiation forces are divided on the added mass and potential damping parts. The added

mass and damping matrices are assumed to be constant, they are pre-calculated for the ship with the potential theory based strip method code (Frank 1967).

All the equations of motion are written in the ship fixed coordinate system \mathbf{xyz} , which is fixed to the intact ship center of gravity *cog*. Ship angular position is expressed in modified Euler angles. The inertial \mathbf{XYZ} and ship fixed coordinate system and its orientation is shown in Figure 1.

Flooded water is modelled in each flooded room as a lumped mass concentrated on its center of gravity. The floodwater surface is assumed to stay plane but is free to move (Jasionowski, 2001; Spanos and Papanikolaou, 2001; Valanto, 2008). Position of the lumped mass in ship fixed coordinate system \mathbf{r}_i is a function of the lumped mass m_i and the angle of the free surface ϕ_i Figure 2. The flow through the opening is modelled with the hydraulic model based on Bernoulli equation (Dillingham, 1981; Ruponen, 2007). In/outflow jet i.e. the inflow momentum flux is accounted for as a force acting on the lumped mass (Manderbacka 2015a). Energy dissipation in the motion of the floodwater due to the viscous effects is modelled as a friction force acting on the lumped mass (Manderbacka *et al.*, 2014).

Equations of motion for the ship and the lumped mass are combined into one system with $6 + n$ d.o.f, where n is number of flooded rooms. Position of the ship and floodwater are solved time integration applying fourth order Runge-Kutta scheme. Simulations performed with the presented method are denoted as **sim**. The impact of the inflow momentum on the roll response was studied by simulating the cases also without accounting for it. The simulations where the inflow momentum flux is eliminated are denoted as **sim no fdm**.

In order to compare different methods of predicting the ship response to an abrupt flooding quasi-static flooding simulation was also performed. In addition to the dynamic

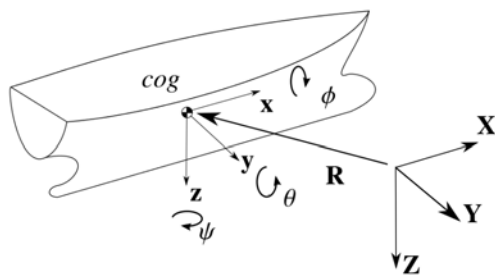


Figure 1. Ship coordinate system.

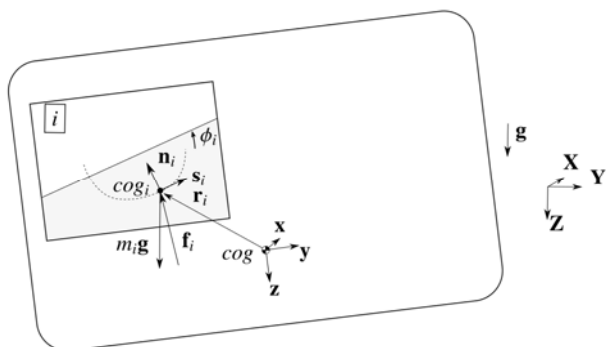


Figure 2. Model for the motions of the lumped mass with a moving free surface (Manderbacka et al., 2015a).

simulation described above (where the flooded water sloshing is simulated by a lumped mass with a moving free surface method) the ship response was simulated with NAPA software quasi-static flooding simulation (Ruponen et al., 2007). Quasi-static NAPA simulations are denoted as **NAPasta**. One degree of freedom model, where the roll motion is modelled is added to NAPA quasi-static flooding simulation. This model is denoted as **NAPAdyn**, where the linear equation of roll motion is solved. Linear roll damping is applied. Draft and trim are treated as quasi-static.

2.1 Validation

The lumped mass with a free moving surface method was validated against the measurement data (Manderbacka et al., 2015a). Transient flooding of the Box shaped barge model was measured by (Manderbacka et al., 2015b). The same model was used for the ITTC benchmark study on the progressive

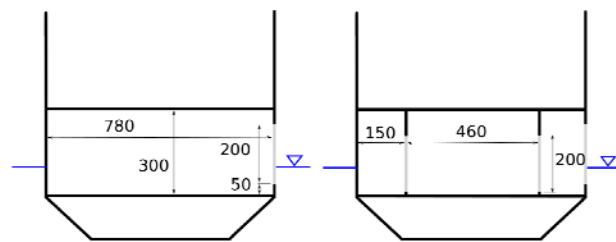


Figure 3. Box shape barge flooded undivided compartment (on left) and divided compartment (on right).

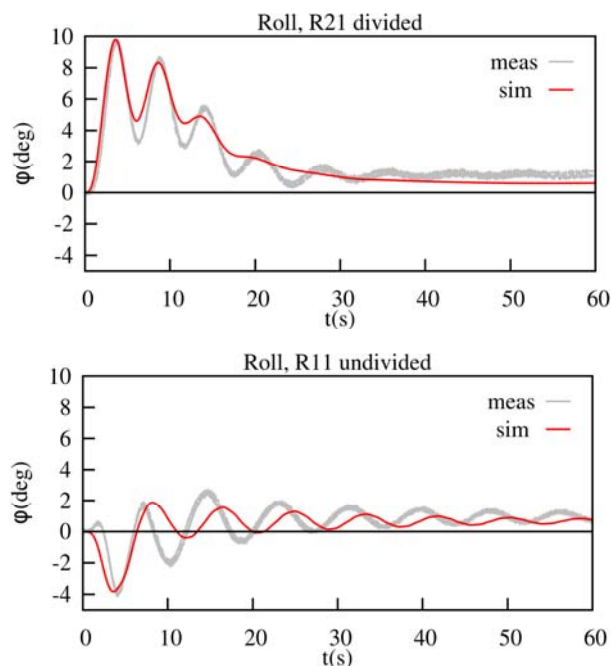


Figure 4. Measured and simulated roll response to abrupt flooding of Box shaped barge. Undivided compartment (above) and divided compartment (below) (Manderbacka et al., 2015a).

flooding (van Walree and Papanikolaou, 2007). Load case and damage opening was modified compared to the progressive flooding tests. Two different compartments were flooded separately, undivided and divided compartment Figure 3. Both compartments were of same size. The divided compartment had two longitudinal bulkheads with narrow and tall openings (20 mm wide and 200 mm high). The breach on the starboard side was 200 mm x 200 mm square opening. In the measurements for the undivided compartment, the model experiences largest roll on the opposite side of the breach, on portside, while for the divided compartment flooding the

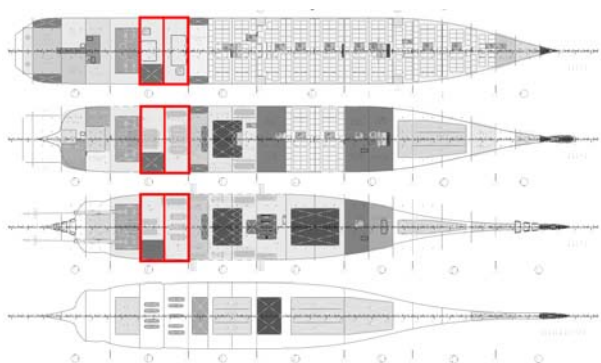


Figure 5. Ship general arrangement and engine room compartments.

model rolled on the breach side, on starboard. The maximum roll angles are well predicted by the presented simulation method Figure 4.

3. CASE STUDY

Case study was performed on the Floodstand Concept Ship A. The ship is a Post Panamax cruise ship with size of 125 000 GT. It is designed for world-wide cruises with capacity of total 5600 persons on board. The design of the vessel shall fulfil relevant international rules and regulations (*Kujanpää and Routi, 2009*). Main particulars of intact Concept Ship A are presented in Table 1. In this flooding case study engine rooms 1 and 2 are flooded, Figure 5. Hull is presented by 6508 triangular panels, Figure 6. Water density in the simulations was 1025.0 kg/m^3 and gravitational acceleration 9.807 m/s^2 .

Table 1: Ship main particulars.

Length L_{oa}	327.0	m
Length L_{pp}	300.7	m
Breadth B	37.4	m
Draft T	8.1	m
Displacement Δ	63823	t
Initial stability GM_0	1.9	m
Height of CoG KG	19.2	m
Roll radius of gyration		
$k_{xx} (= 0.42B)$	15.708	m
Pitch and yaw radii of gyration		
$k_{yy} = k_{zz} (= 0.26L_{pp})$	78.182	m
Roll natural period T_ϕ	26.2	s
Roll damping factor ξ	0.027	

3.1 Damage Case

The layout of the damaged compartments is simplified. Compartments are prismatic tanks with permeability of 1.0 each. The locations of the center of the compartment bottom and compartment dimensions are listed in Table 2. The engine blocks are not included in the compartments in the simulations. Instead the obstructing effect of the engine blocks is modelled by a non-watertight longitudinal bulkhead in the middle.

External hull breach height ranged over the height of the compartment. Four different breach widths L_B are introduced. The breach width for the biggest breach is equal to the compartment length $L_B = L_R$. Then the breach width is reduced to half $L_B = L_R/2$, then $L_B = L_R/4$ and finally smallest breach width $L_B = L_R/8$ is used. The breach is located on the starboard side. The simulation is performed in calm water. Initially ship is at even keel. The hull breach is introduced in the beginning of the simulation. Hull breach is presented as a line opening shown in Figure 6.

The undivided compartment cases were simulated with above mentioned four different breach widths. In addition to the undivided cases, simulations were performed for divided engine room compartments, Figure 7. The engine room compartments were divided by a non-watertight longitudinal bulkhead. The opening height on the longitudinal bulkhead was equal to the compartment height. The opening width L_O was varied. Four different opening widths were used; largest opening width was equal to the compartment length $L_O = L_R$, then $L_O = L_R/2$, $L_O = L_R/4$ and the smallest opening width was $L_O = L_R/8$ of the compartment length. Largest opening on the bulkhead corresponds to the undivided compartment case. The difference in the simulation in comparison to the undivided case is that the engine room compartment is divided into two spaces with an opening between the starboard and portside space ranging over the entire compartment height and length.

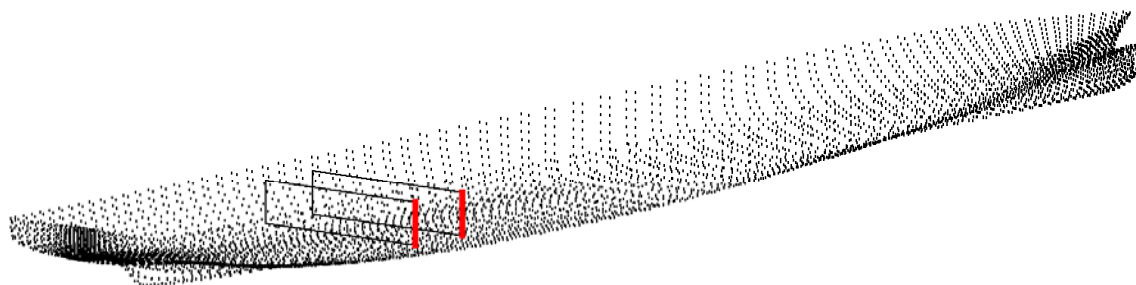


Figure 6. Hull panels. 6508 triangular panels and a 2D representation of the flooded engine room compartments with breach on starboard side.

Altogether 16 different configurations of the flooded compartments with four different breach and four different opening widths were simulated Figure 7. Breach and the opening had discharge coefficient $C_d=0.6$. The case $L_O=L_R$, where the divided compartment had the largest opening, was also simulated with the discharge coefficient value $C_d=1.0$.

Table 2. Flooded compartments.

<u>compartment 1, engine room closer to aft</u>		
x1, from aft PP	70.115	m
y1, from CL	0.0	m
z1, bottom height from keel	3.2	m
room 1 length	13.65	m
room 1 breadth	37.4	m
room 1 height	8.4	m
<u>compartment 2, engine room closer to bow</u>		
x2, from aft PP	83.89	m
y2, from CL	0.0	m
z2, bottom height from keel	3.2	m
room 2 length	13.9	m
room 2 breadth	37.4	m
room 2 height	8.4	m

Table 3. Damage opening.

<u>breach to room 1</u>	
discharge coeff. C_d	0.6
opening height	8.4 m
<u>breach to room 2</u>	
discharge coeff. C_d	0.6
opening height	8.4 m

4. RESULTS

4.1 Undivided Compartment

Total floodwater volume in the undivided compartments is calculated with simulation where the inflow is taken into account, **sim** in Figure 8. and without taking the inflow momentum into account with presented simulation method and with NAPA quasi-static flooding simulation, **sim no fdm** and **NAPasta** in Figure 8. The compartment is symmetrical and the ship initial metacentric height stays positive in flooded case so no roll motion occurs when in-flooding momentum is not taken into account. Total floodwater volume is simulated with NAPA until the equilibrium stage is reached.

With simulations accounting for the inflow momentum, the ship experiences roll on the portside i.e. the opposite side of the damage. At biggest opening, the ship experiences smallest transient roll (approx. 6 degrees) The transient roll is increased when the opening size is reduced to half (approx. 8 degrees). Highest transient roll (approx. 9 degrees) is experienced at the opening width 1/4 of room length, Figure 9.

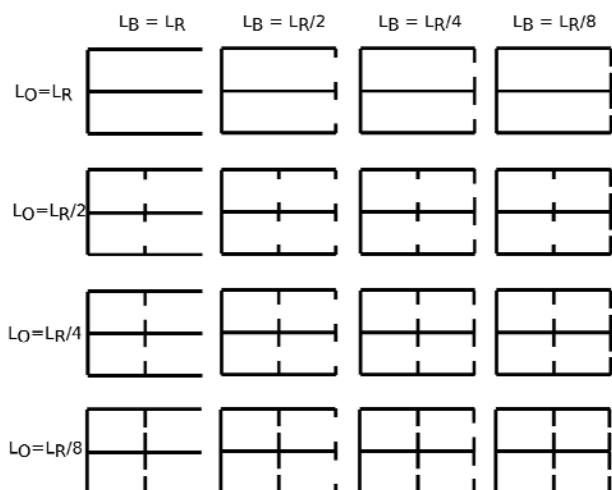


Figure 7. Configurations of flooded compartments (viewed from above) at different breach L_B and opening L_O widths. Breach is on the starboard side.

The maximum floodwater volume is attained fastest with the biggest opening, around 15 seconds after the damage. The time to attain the maximum floodwater volume is roughly doubled always when the opening size is halved.

The transversal y position (positive towards starboard) of the floodwater center of gravity is shown in Figure 10. With the biggest opening the motion of the floodwater center of gravity is more limited due to bigger volume than in case of smaller openings.

4.2 Divided Compartment

The biggest roll in case of the undivided compartment flooding was reached when the breach width was one fourth of the compartment length. Here both engine compartments are divided in the middle by the longitudinal non-watertight bulkhead. Four different opening widths were introduced to the dividing longitudinal bulkhead in the center line. Opening width was varied from compartment length to one eighth of the compartment length. The biggest opening corresponds to a situation where the whole longitudinal bulkhead is open i.e. the division

into two rooms in this case is virtual. This case is simulated with two different discharge coefficient values, one for no pressure loss $C_d=1.0$ and the other with same discharge coefficient as in the breach $C_d=0.6$. Other opening widths were simulated with the discharge coefficient $C_d = 0.6$, the same value

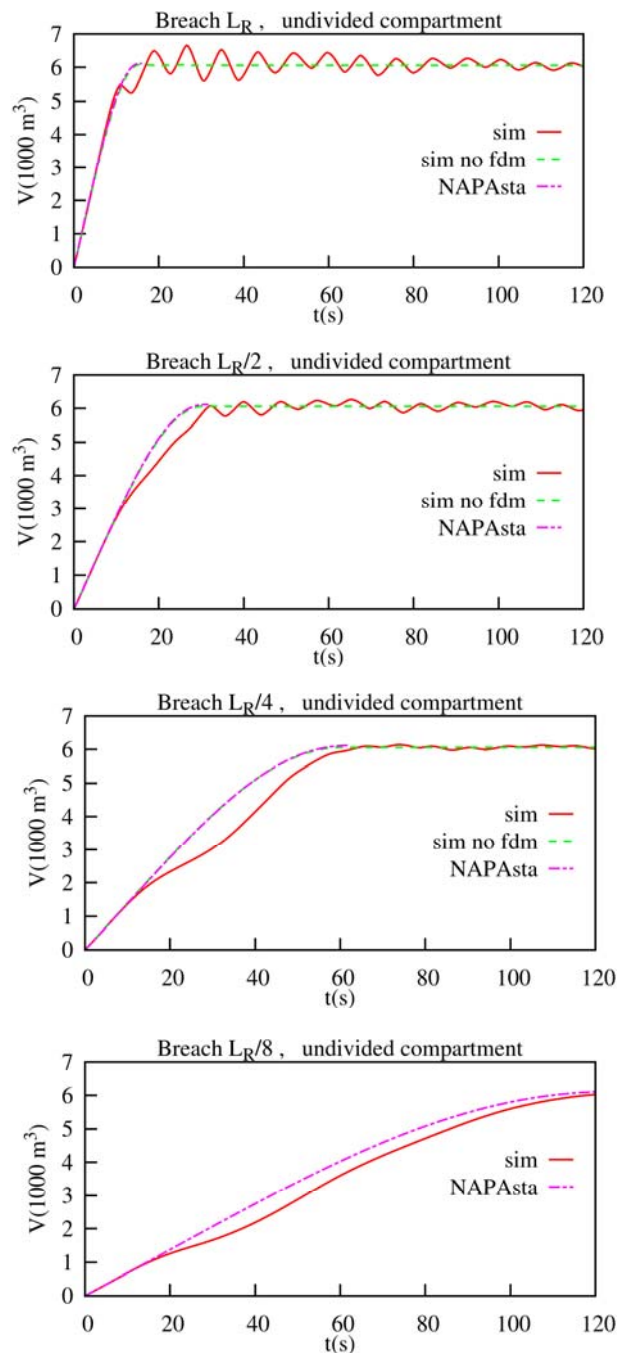


Figure 8. Total floodwater volume. Undivided compartment flooding case at four different breach widths.

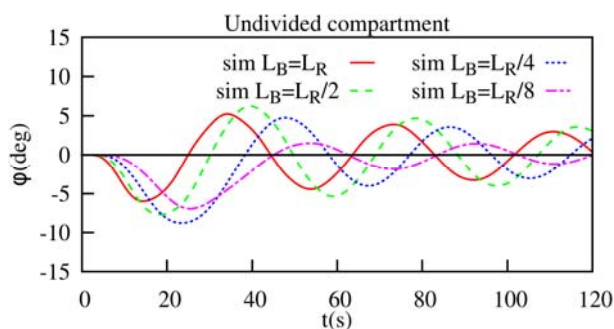


Figure 9. Roll in the undivided compartment flooding case at four different breach widths.

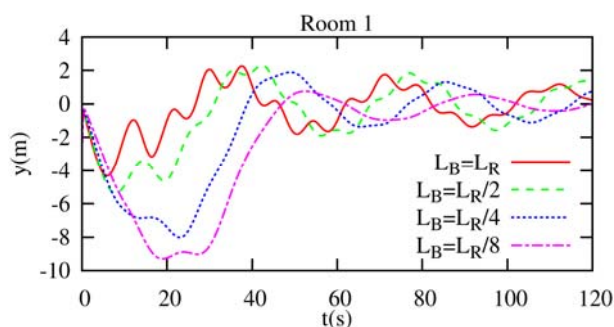


Figure 10. Transversal position of the floodwater center of gravity with different breach widths.

was used for the breach. These cases with breach width $L_B = L_R/4$ were simulated with presented simulation method including **sim** the inflow momentum flux, without the impact of the inflow momentum flux **sim no fdm** and with NAPA quasi-static and dynamic roll motion models, **NAPasta** and **NAPAdyn**, respectively. The total floodwater volume for these cases is shown in Figure 11 and roll response in Figure 12. When the opening width of the dividing bulkhead is biggest the results between the methods vary the most. At biggest opening $L_O = L_R$ with the discharge coefficient $C_d = 1.0$ the result of the simulation with undivided compartment is also shown in the figures of volume and roll time histories. In this case the presented simulation method with inflow momentum flux predicts approximately 5 degree roll on the opposite side of the damage. The simulation with undivided compartment predicts even bigger roll angle. The flooding is also slower with **sim** calculation due to the roll on the opposite side of the damage.

When the opening width is reduced the presented simulation method predicts the first roll on the damage side. Reducing the opening width increases the roll angle on the damage side with all the simulation methods. When the opening width is smallest $L_O = L_R/8$ the results between different methods correspond quite well to each other. Results of the fully quasi-static simulation **NAPasta** differ the most from the other methods.

4.3 First Maximum Roll Angle

A summary of the first maximum roll angle for four different breach widths is shown as a function of the opening width in Figure 13. The opening width L_O is made proportional to the breach width L_B . In most of the cases ship experiences the first roll angle on the damage side. In fact the quasi-static simulations and the simulations where the inflow momentum flux is not accounted for predict the first roll on the damage side in all cases. The dynamic simulation for divided compartments with the inflow momentum flux accounted for predict first maximum roll on the opposite side or close to zero when the opening is four times wider than the breach. When the opening width is reduced, the first roll on the damage side increases and its value predicted by all the methods gets closer.

The case where the opening reached over the whole compartment was calculated as one undivided compartment. The simulations with undivided compartment predict the first roll on the opposite side of the damage at all breach widths Figure 9. When the breach side is reduced the simulation **sim** with divided compartment gets closer to the results of the undivided compartment simulations Figure 13.

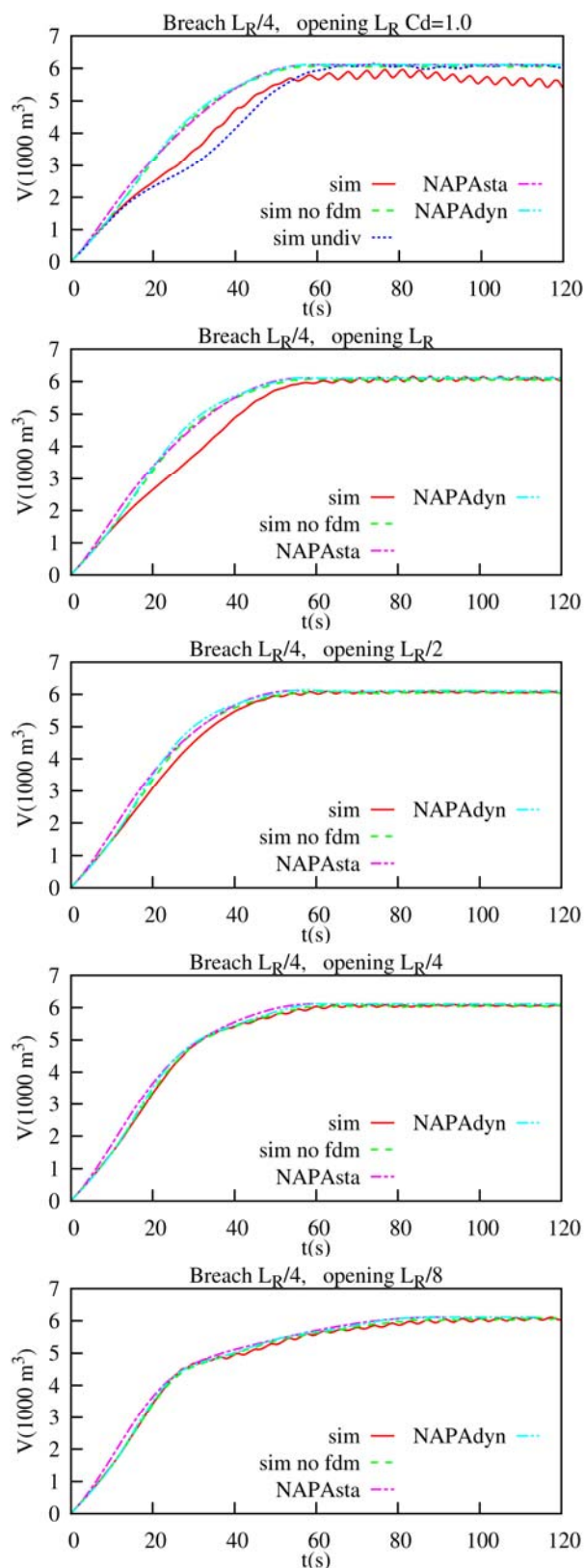


Figure 11. Total floodwater volume. Divided compartment with five different bulkhead openings. . Breach width is $L_R/4$.

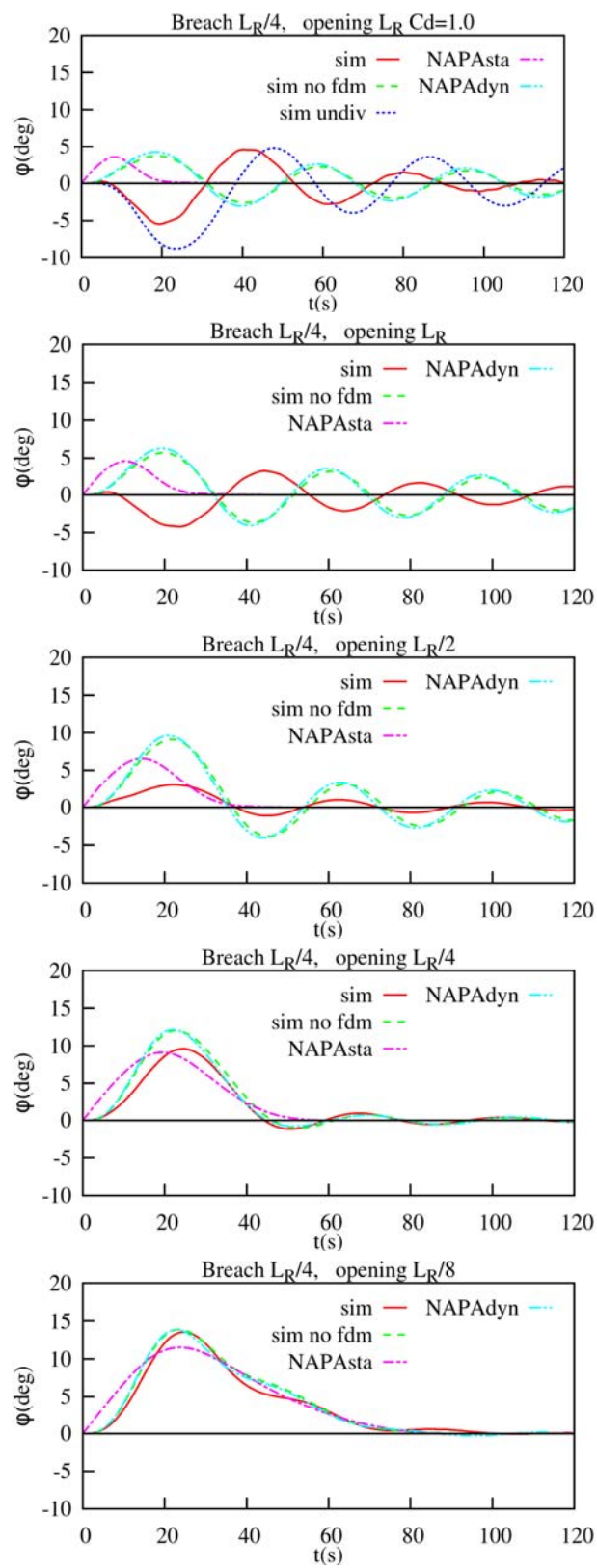


Figure 12. Roll motion. Divided compartment with five different bulkhead openings. Breach width is $L_R/4$.

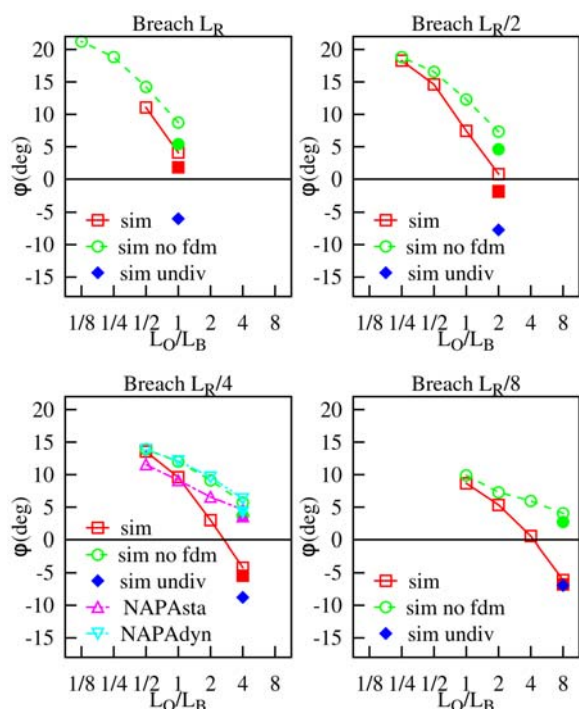


Figure 13. First roll angle for different breach widths as a function of opening width per breach width. Filled red square and filled green circle are **sim** and **sim no fdm** with opening $C_d=1.0$.

5. DISCUSSION

For divided compartments, where the opening on the dividing wall is small, all the methods give quite similar results. The flooding is asymmetric and the cross flooding is slow. The water motion inside the smaller compartment does not affect the roll response and it is sufficient to simulate the flooding with a quasi-static simulation method. When the width of the opening on the dividing longitudinal bulkhead is increased, the results between the methods start to deviate from each other. Different methods do not even agree on the direction of the initial roll angle. The inflooding water can be pushed fast on the opposite side of the breach when the compartment is undivided or the opening on the dividing bulkhead is sufficiently wide. In this case the quasi-static methods or calculation, which do not account for the inflooding momentum flux and thus are not

modelling the inflooding jet, cannot predict the initial roll on the opposite side.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Abrupt flooding cases to an undivided compartment with four different breach sizes and flooding cases to divided compartment at one breach size were simulated with four different methods; Dynamic flooding simulation with lumped mass method with a moving free surface with and without the inflow momentum flux and a totally quasi-static simulation and quasi-static simulation with one degree of freedom were applied.

Presented case and simulations give insight to the significance of the assumptions when predicting the transient flooding response. The importance of the inflooding jet to the response is shown. When the opening on the dividing bulkhead is small compared to the breach, i.e. the obstructions in the compartment are significant, the assumption of quasi-static simulation is sufficient. Conversely, the bigger the opening is on the bulkhead compared to the breach i.e. there are not significant obstructions in the compartment, accounting for the inflow momentum flux becomes more important.

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Safety of Ships in Icing Conditions

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ABSTRACT

Icing of the above water part of ship poses serious hazard to stability. Icing may occur in high latitudes but also sometimes in other sea routes in adverse weather conditions. Present stability requirement as, for example, in 2008 IS Code, include certain provisions related to icing, but they seem to be inadequate, in particular in view of opening northern sea routes and trends to exploit arctic waters where possibility of icing and its effect on stability must be seriously considered. In the paper physical phenomena related to formation of icing and available data on amount of icing in various areas are considered. Possibility of application of risk analysis to the effect of icing on stability is also discussed

Keywords: *safety of ships, icing, risk analysis*

1. INTRODUCTION

Few years ago within a project sponsored by the Polish Committee for Scientific Research the group of ten experts was assembled consisting of seven ship masters having at least 20 years of service at sea on different types of ships, two scientist involved in stability matters and one experienced naval architects having wide experience in designing different types of ships. The group was charged with the task of assessing the importance of different hazards to stability for different types of ships. The Delphic method was used and the game was arranged. The game did show that the group of experts attached rather high priority (index 4 of the range 0 to 5) to hazard of icing in particular to fishing vessels and smaller passenger ships.

One of the masters having served many years on board passenger ships, produced photos of severe icing that happened during one particular voyage in North Atlantic. One of those photos reproduced below shows how serious threat to stability icing may pose.

At the same time about 300 stability accidents, the data on which were collected from many various sources, including IMO data bank, [IMO 1985] and book of Aksiutin and Blagoveschensky [1975] were analysed and it was discovered that in about 26 cases from the above number of accidents icing was considered as a main cause of capsizing.



Fig.1. Severe icing on m/s Stefan Batory in North Atlantic. (Courtesy of Captain H.Majek)

It is also difficult to imagine, that icing may cause capsizing of ships even in Black Sea, where two fishing vessels capsized because of severe icing in 2002 [Sukhanov et al 2003]. It is clear, that icing is creating severe hazard to stability and must be taken into consideration for ships operating in the areas where icing may occur.

2. STRUCTURAL MODEL OF ICE ACCRETION

Usual way of taking into account the effect of ice accretion on stability is based on very simple and deterministic structural model. It is assumed that certain amount of additional mass of accrued ice is taken on board. The centre of gravity of the ice is assumed to be in the centre of this mass. Because the mass of accrued ice usually is smaller than 10 per cent of the mass of the ship, simplified method of calculation of the new metacentric height and stability levers curve may be used. This is shown in the attached sketch (fig. 2)

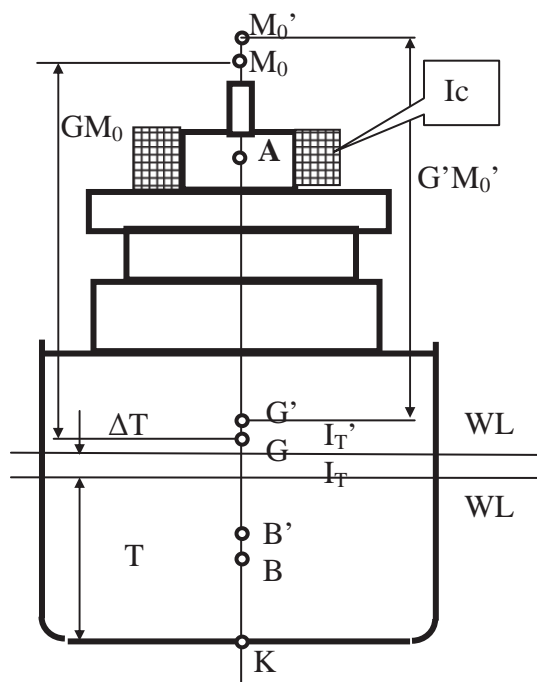


Fig.2. Structural model of the effect of ice accretion

New metacentric height could be calculated by the formula:

$$G' M_0' = GM_0 + \frac{m}{\rho \nabla + m} \left(T + \frac{\Delta T}{2} - KA - GM_0 \right)$$

Because when ice is accrued always:

$$KA > T + \frac{\Delta T}{2} - GM_0$$

then the new metacentric height would be always smaller than the original one without icing.

New stability levers could be calculated with the formula (Fig.3):

$$GZ = BN - KG' \sin \varphi$$

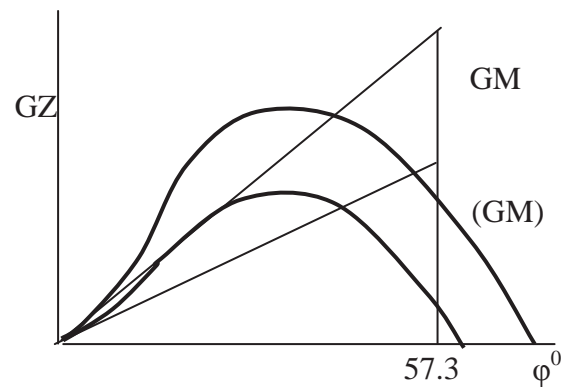


Fig. 3. Reduction of stability levers with icing

Accrued ice will also affect ship motion characteristics in rough sea, particularly rolling periods and deck wetness characteristics but these factors are rarely taken into account when considering problem of icing. The main problem is, however, proper estimation of the mass and centre of gravity of the accrued ice.

3. PHYSICS OF ICE ACCRETION

The physics of ice accretion is very complex and unpredictable phenomenon. Ice accretion depends on many factors as for example on:

- Temperature of air



- Temperature of the upper layer of water
- Wind velocity and direction
- Sea surface condition (waves, current etc)
- Ship speed, course in relation to wind and waves
- Ship characteristics (freeboard, deck and superstructures arrangement, ship motions etc)

Ice may accumulate basically in three different ways

- Freezing rain or drizzle cause thin layer of ice distributed almost evenly over decks, superstructures and rigging including high positioned objects like masts, antennas etc. Layer of accumulated ice increases quite slow, therefore dangerous increase of the position of centre of gravity occurs only when the ship is long time exposed to those effects. Generally this way of accumulating ice is not very dangerous for the ship.
- The second way of accumulating ice occurs when the temperature is at least 9°C less than the temperature of water. Freezing fog in contact with cold metal creates thin layer of ice. This usually is close to the waterline and is not very dangerous to the ship.
- The third way of icing is most dangerous. This type of ice accretion occurs when the temperature of air is very low and there is stormy wind and waves. In such situation sprays of water freeze in contact with the hull, decks, superstructures and rigging. It is less likely that sprays are cause icing higher above the water, however. But if at the same time there is heavy freezing rain, then large amount of ice may accumulate high above the water. This is the most dangerous case. The photo in fig. 1 shows how large amount of ice may accumulate on board The photo shows ice

accrued on the deck of m.s Stefan Batory in North Atlantic.

In some publications information could be found that at very low air temperatures (below -180°C) this type of ice accretion is not present, because water sprays freeze in air and do not stick to the ship construction. Other observations do not agree with this, however. Four Russian fishing vessels capsized in Bering Sea in 1965 at temperatures between -200 and -220°C . On "Norilsk" ship heavy icing was observed at temperature -280°C [Aksiutin 1975].

Usually icing does not occur at temperatures of water above $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$, but in some cases icing was observed even at water temperature $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$.

The third type of icing occurs most often and when in conjunction with freezing rain is most dangerous. According to data collected by Borisenko [Aksiutin 1986], who analysed about 2000 cases of icing on ships of Russian fleet, frequency of different kinds of icing was as shown in the table 1.

Table 1. Frequency of different types of icing (percent)

	Sprays	Sprays plus rain	Snow	Fog, rain drizzle
Northern hemisphere	89.9	6.4	1.1	2.7
Southern hemisphere	50.0	41.0		9.0

Obviously heavy icing occurs usually only in certain areas. Chart where heavy icing may be expected is included in the IMO IS Code [IMO 2008]. The other chart showing areas in North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans is reproduced in fig. 4. [Sechrist et al 1989]. However there are known incidents where heavy icing occurred in other areas, even in Black Sea.

For example extreme icing was observed on two Russian fishing vessels in Black Sea on 9th December 2002. Both ships capsized and foundered. Synoptic situation at that time was as follows: because of suddenly changing air circulation over eastern part of Black Sea, layer of cold air came over this part and air temperature drops down from +10°C to -18°C in 24 hours. Strong wind of about 35 m/s velocity called “Bora” occurred. Icing on both vessels started fast increasing and as all attempts to remove it failed, it was not possible to save the vessels [Sukhanov et al 2003]. According to data provided by Aksiutin (1986) heavy icing may be expected in periods and areas as shown in the table 2.

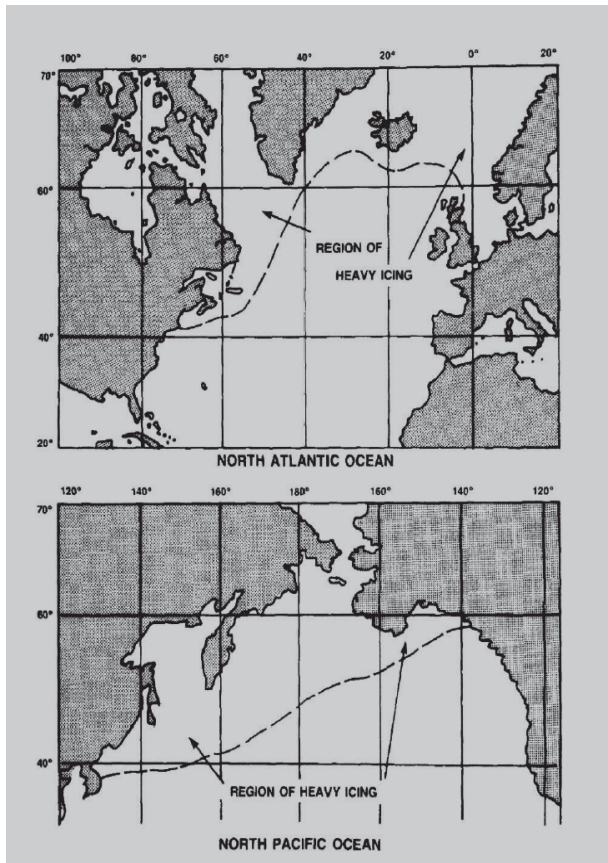


Fig. 4. Chart of areas where icing may be expected [Sechrist et al 1989].

Table 2. Areas and periods where heavy icing may be expected [Aksiutin 1975]

Area	Period
North-west Atlantic Ocean,	15 Dec-15 March
Norway and Greenland Sea	15 Dec-31 March

Northern Atlantic Ocean	15 Dec-15 April
Barents Sea	1 Jan - 15 March
Baltic Sea	15 Dec-
Baffin Sea	1 Dec-31 March
New Foundland area	1 Jan - 15 March
Bering Sea and Okhock Sea	1 Dec- 29 Feb
Japan Sea	1 Dec- 29 Feb
North-West Pacific Ocean	15 Dec-31 March
Karsk and , Laptiev Sea	15 June -15 Nov
Chukock Sea	15 June -15 Nov
East Siberian Sea	15 June -15 Nov

As icing depends on air temperature and wind velocity some data were published showing how fast layer of ice accumulates with increasing wind velocity and decreasing temperature. The diagram showing icing dependence on air temperature and wind velocity developed in Japan is reproduced in fig. 5 [Sawada 1962].

Similar diagrams were developed by Overland et al [1986] and also by the US Navy [1988]. Rate of ice accretion depends on the water and air temperature and on the wind velocity. According to Mertins [1968] who on the basis of 4000 observations in North Atlantic area, with the temperature of water 0°C and air temperature -60°C discovered that the ice accumulation may be 7 to 14cm in 24 hours.

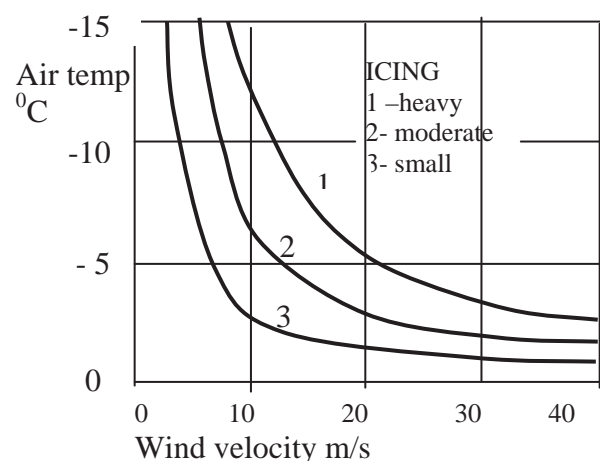


Fig.5. Icing dependence on air temperature and wind velocity. [Sawada 1962]

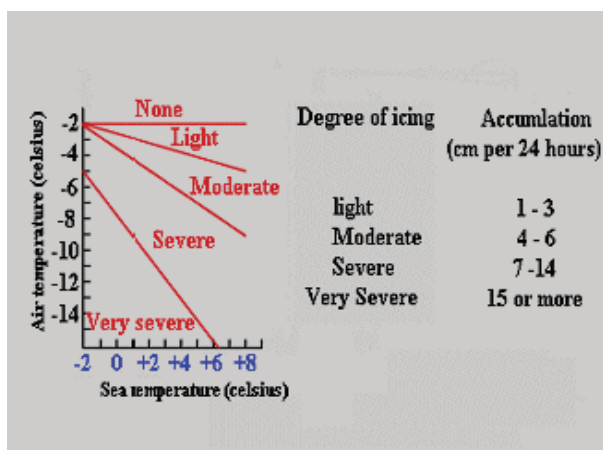


Fig 6. Nomogram for estimation of icing in North Atlantic for wind force 9-10⁰B [Mertins 1968]

Mertins [1968] produced also diagrams for prediction of icing in relation on air and water temperatures and on wind force. One of these diagrams for wind force 9 -100B is reproduced in fig.6.

4. CURRENT CRITERIA OF ICING

Problem of icing is considered currently in several IMO instruments, for example in the IS Code, Polar Code, Torremolinos Protocol and in some other documents. The requirements and recommendations included there are not repeated here; they may be easily found in those documents, in particular in the 2008 IS Code, Chapter 6 and Annex 2 [IMO 2009] and they are not very different in other IMO documents.

The basic requirements for fishing vessels consist of specification of certain amount of accrued ice on exposed surfaces of weather decks and on projected lateral areas on each side of the vessel above the waterplane.

In most IMO instruments the recommended amount of accrued ice is:

- 30 kg/m² of open weather decks, and gangways;

- 7.5 kg/m² for projected lateral area of each side of the vessel above the water plane.

In several national recommendations different values of accrued ice per square meter of open decks and projected lateral areas are recommended, but in general those values are not very different from the above.

In mid-eighties of the last century at the time when first edition of the IS Code was considered at IMO, many delegations pointed out that the above values are underestimated because 30 kg/m² practically means 3 cm thick layer of ice. After discussion, however, it was decided that adoption of higher values in certain regions was left to the decision of national Administrations.

Aksyutin and Blagoveschensky [1975] pointed out that thickness of layer of ice as recommended in the IS Code was widely different from values observed in different regions. In 1000 observed cases of icing they analysed, thickness of accrued ice was greater than recommended by IS Code for fishing vessels:

- In Baltic Sea by 76%
- In Bering Sea by 71%
- In Okhock and Japan Sea by 60%

The actual mass of accrued ice exceeded the mass calculated according to the recommendation of IS Code

- In Barents Sea by 270%
- In Okhock Sea by 200%
- In Bering Sea by 360%
- In Baltic Sea by 1000%

According to the same observations calculated position of the centre of gravity of accrued ice was usually 20 to 60 % higher than calculated according to IS Code recommendation which had important effect on stability characteristics of the vessel. There are many similar data available showing that ice accretion in certain conditions may be much larger than recommended by IS Code. This was duly noticed by the IMO Subcommittee, however finally it was decided to leave the

decision in respect of the amount of accrued ice in hands of the national administrations.

5. OPERATIONAL FACTORS

Safety of ships in situations where icing occurs depends greatly on operational factors, first of all on possibility to remove accrued ice. In several IMO recommendations in this respect included, for example, in the IS Code, there is operational guidance on how to behave in situations when icing occurs, on how to prepare the vessel and what kind of equipment for removal of accumulated ice should be on board. Such operational guidance is essential for safety of the vessel but in real life quite often in cannot be observed.

Removal of excessive ice accumulating very fast in in bad weather, particularly if the vessel is weathering against the wind, cannot be accomplished because access to the forward part of the ship is too dangerous. Moreover in modern ships the number of crew members who could be employed in this work is much

smaller than it was in older times. This particularly applies to small container ships and ships carrying deck load of timber. In fishing vessels having low freeboard in stormy weather deck is constantly flooded by the waves and if covered with ice, slippery. Therefore access there is risky. According to current requirements in relation to icing, assessment of safety in icing condition was left to the judgement of national Administrations. The requirements concerning values of accrued ice as, for example in the IS Code, seem to be roughly applicable to icing at comparatively mild weather conditions. There is nowhere, however, guidance on how to perform risk analysis for ships sailing in areas where heavy icing might occur.

6. EVENT TREE AND FAULT TREE FOR DANGEROUS ICING

Branches of event tree and fault tree for dangerous icing are shown in figs 7 and 8.

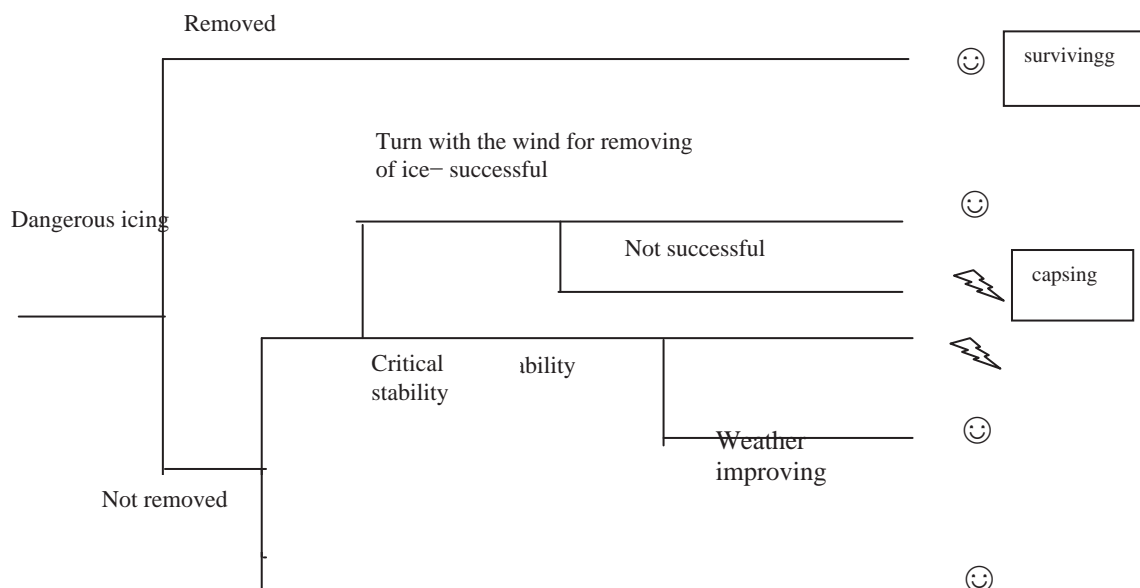


Fig.7. Branch of event tree for heavy icing

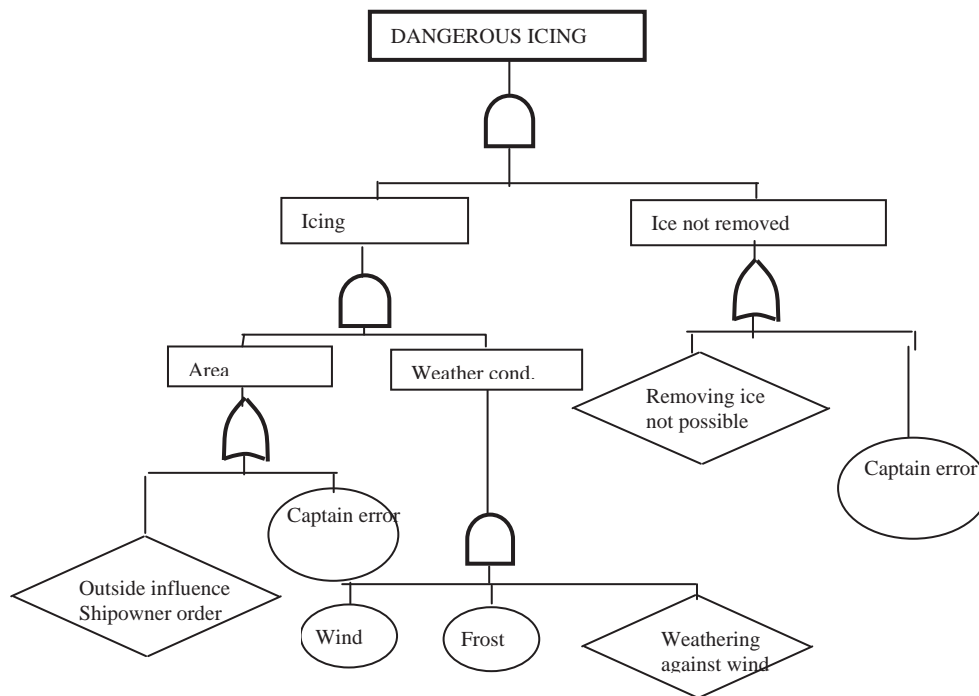


Fig.8. Branch of fault tree for dangerous icing

They may help national Administrations when performing risk analysis in order to assess safety of a ship intended to operate in areas where heavy icing might occur. Risk analysis should include scenarios that may cause loss of stability and in all cases reduction of metacentric height and stability levers due to ice accumulated should be taken into account.

In the risk analysis scenarios of ship motions in areas where icing is possible should apart from hazards from icing take into account hazards from wind and waves. Scenarios where human error is taken into account should be also considered. Ice accumulated should be removed as fast as possible. However it is not always possible. As mentioned above there are many situations when ice removal is risky or not possible at all. For example, if in stormy weather ship is weathering against the wind and ice is accumulated in the front part of the ship, manoeuvre to turn the ship with the wind in order to make access to front part possible is too dangerous. This is taken into account in fault tree shown in fig. 8.

Obviously two factors should be present if icing would be possible: firstly vessel should operate in area where icing is possible and

secondly weather conditions must be such, that formation of icing may occur. Both factors are taken into account in the fault tree shown in fig. 8. The situation that the vessel would be in the area where icing occurs depends on the route, therefore on the decision of shipowner but it may depend on the decision of the master who ignored danger and decided not to avoid area where icing may occur.

The difficult part of the risk analysis is attribution of probabilities to particular events in the fault tree and assessment of the probability of top event which is dangerous icing. Probably the only method would be assessment by experts having enough experience in operating ships in areas where icing occurs. In the example shown in fig. 9 probabilities were taken as example values. In the exercise performed that was mentioned in the introduction and where Delphic method was used the conclusion was that the probability of dangerous icing that may lead to capsizing was of the order of 10^{-7} (hourly) or 10^{-3} (ship and year). It seems, however, that this probability is underestimated and based mainly on the experience of one ship master who served on large passenger ship operating on North Atlantic route.

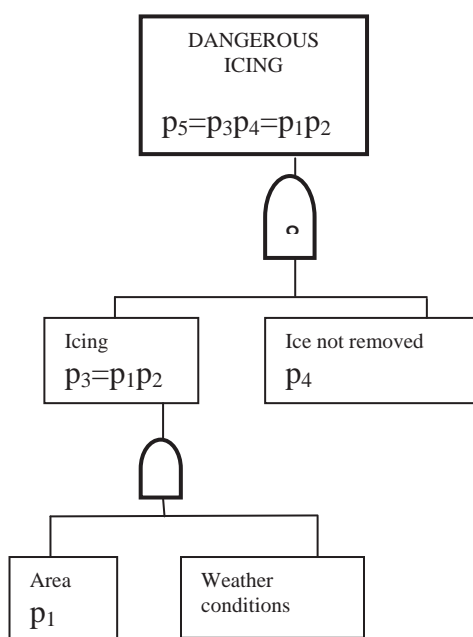


Fig. 9. Simplified fault tree for calculation of probabilities

Estimation of the probabilities in the fault tree in order to assess the top event probability is rather difficult and probably should be made by experts having sufficient experience of navigating in areas where icing might occur. It is doubtful if general accessible data on icing in areas in question are available, although national Administrations may have their own data. However with expanding navigation in arctic routes international recommendations are certainly needed.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RISK CONTROL OPTIONS

From the point of view calculation of stability characteristics in icing condition poses no problems. For the majority of ships navigating around the world hazard of icing does not exist at all or may appear with such small probability that it is not taken into account. It is essential, however, for ships navigating in northern or southern seas, especially important for fishing vessels. For those vessels risk control options should be considered. Those options include preventive options as well as mitigation options. (Fig.10).

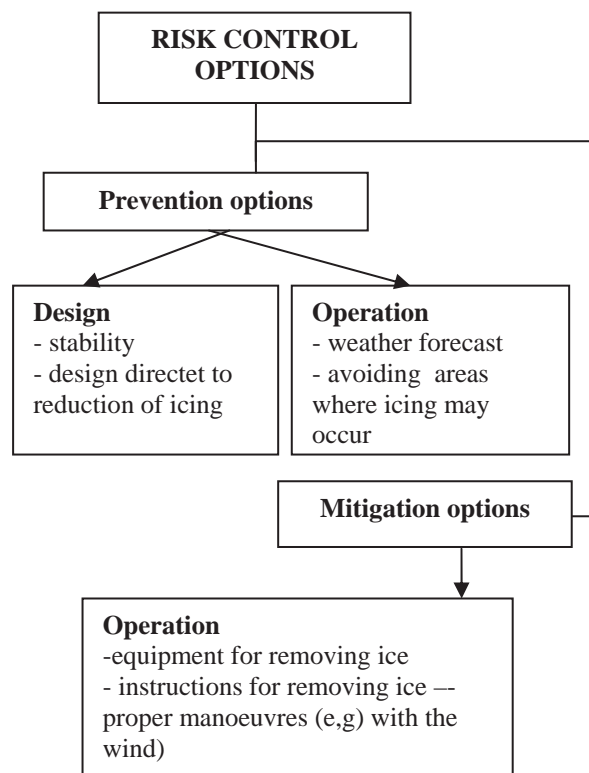


Fig. 10 Risk control options

Prevention options are mainly related to ship design including stability and suitable design of decks and superstructures intended to reduce possibility of accumulation of ice. Mitigation options are related to the possibility of removing ice and safe manoeuvring in stormy weather.

Current requirements of the IS Code related to icing include mostly recommendations and guidance for skippers of fishing vessels for ensuring survival of icing that may be valid also for other types of ships. However recommended values of ice accretion seem to be underestimated. Risk analysis performed should allow adoption of more diversified values of ice accretion in different areas. Also it may allow to take into considerations risk control options

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Session 5.3 – DYNAMIC STABILITY

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An Investigation of a Safety Level in Terms of Excessive Acceleration in Rough Seas

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ABSTRACT

A probability of occurrence of lateral acceleration owing to the rolling motion was evaluated to investigate a safety level for a prevention of the situation that excessive acceleration occurs. Firstly, sea state in the sea area of excessive acceleration accident was examined by means of hindcast wave data. Through the comparison of the long term prediction of lateral acceleration, the correlation between loading condition, sea state and long term probability was examined. It is clarified that threshold probability of excessive lateral acceleration depends on loading condition and sea state. Consequently, the safety level of excessive lateral acceleration was discussed.

Keywords: *new generation intact stability criteria, lateral acceleration, container vessel, long term prediction*

1. INTRODUCTION

Currently, the construction of a reliable methodology for estimating a capsizing probability is an urgent issue for the proper provision of the safety because the International Maritime Organization (IMO) started to develop the new-generation intact stability criteria for five major capsizing modes, which contains the stability under excessive acceleration, dead ship conditions, parametric rolling, broaching and pure loss of stability with performance based approaches.

With regard to the excessive acceleration, accidents of ballast loading container vessels due to excessive acceleration were the trigger for the new-generation intact stability criteria. In accordance with the casualty report of CHICAGO EXPRESS (Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation of Germany, 2009), a very serious marine casualty occurred on board the 8749 TEU2 container vessel CHICAGO EXPRESS in the morning on 24 September 2008.

The vessel navigated in South China Sea from Hong Kong to Ningbo following instructions to shipping from the local port authority because of the approaching Typhoon “HAGUPIT”. After reaching the open sea, the CHICAGO EXPRESS encountered heavy winds and swell from a south-easterly direction; this exposed the vessel to rolling motions of up to approximately 32 degrees. The vessel was suddenly hit by a particularly violent wave coming from starboard just as she rolled to starboard. Following that, the CHICAGO EXPRESS keeled over severely several times, at which the inclinometer registered a maximum roll angle of 44 degrees for an estimated period of 10 seconds.

It is remarkable that requirement for the prevention of excessive lateral acceleration has the possibility to restrict GM and to be the opposite side of ensuring sufficient stability because current large vessel generally has sufficient GM to ensure the adequate safety for damage stability. On the other hand, if the ship has sufficient (or excessive) stability, large rolling angles can occur which then result in large lateral accelerations and cargo damage.



Typically, this situation occurs if the encounter frequency of the waves is in resonance to the natural roll frequency of the ship. This means that all types of ship have certain possibility to meet large acceleration. This also means that it is rational to prevent such a phenomenon that occurs frequently not only by the design criteria but also by the operational guidance or limitation.

Therefore, it is important to assess the probability of occurrence of excessive lateral acceleration and to provide the adequate information for adequate safety and operation.

Based on the background, first, a database of world wave and wind is constructed by means of the hindcast data, which can provide worldwide wind and wave data synchronized in space and time. Sea state in the sea area where accident of excessive acceleration occurred was examined by the comparison of a probability of occurrence of wave height. It is found that sea state in the sea area of accident was not necessarily severe compared with that of North Atlantic and North Pacific. This indicates that large lateral acceleration can occur in other sea areas.

Second, the correlation between realistic loading condition, sea state and probability of occurrence was examined by computation of the long term prediction of lateral acceleration. It is clarified that threshold probability of excessive lateral acceleration depends on the combination of loading condition and sea state. It is also clarified that excessive lateral acceleration occurs in a relatively high probability owing to the roll resonance. Finally, the safety level of excessive lateral acceleration is discussed.

2. CONSIDERATION OF SEA STATE AT THE SEA AREA OF ACCIDENT OWING TO EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION

2.1 Source Data of Wave and Wind

For the examination of correlation between winds and waves, it is preferable that wind data synchronizes with wave data in space and time. Based on this background, the wave and wind statistics are composed by the wave hindcast data. The present hindcasting data is computed by means of the third generation wave hindcasting model of Global Climate by Japan Weather Association (JWA3G model). Grid point value (GPV) of sea winds, provided by the Meteorological Agency of Japan, is used as an input of this model. Significant wave height, wave period and peak direction of waves, mean wind speed and wind direction are computed. These are composed by lattice of 2.5 degree interval (all area from 70 degrees of North latitude to 70 degrees of South latitude). In the present study, data of the 10-year span from January 1997 to December 2006 are used.

The third generation wave hindcasting models basically adopt not conservative methods such as SMB (Sverdrup, Munk and Bretschneider) method or PNJ (Pierson, Neumann and James) method (e.g. British Maritime Technology Limited, 1985) but the spectral method, which is the mainstream of the ocean waves forecasting/hindcasting model. In a spectral method, individual growth and attenuation of each component wave was computed. Prior to the application, the validity of numerical computation of JWA3G model was verified (Japan Weather Association, 1993) through the numerical simulation in accordance with the SWAMP (Sea Wave Modeling Project) method (The SWAMP group, 1985), which is constructed as a verification method of the numerical computation of ocean wave in the world meteorological community.

2.2 Spatial Distribution of Wave Height

Figures 1 to 5 show the contour of average of significant wave height in annual and four seasons. It is found that wave in Southeast Asia is relatively calmer than that in North Pacific because wave of Southeast Asia is affected by weather from South Pole to the south Indian Ocean. On the other hand, it is also found that wave height in South China Sea is relatively higher than that in around South China Sea. It is remarkable in autumn and winter owing to low pressure and typhoon. It is clarified that these findings are consistent with existing findings.

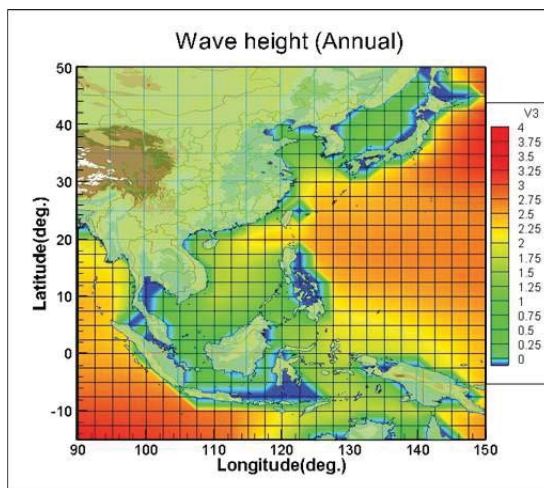


Figure 1 Contour of average of significant wave height (annual).

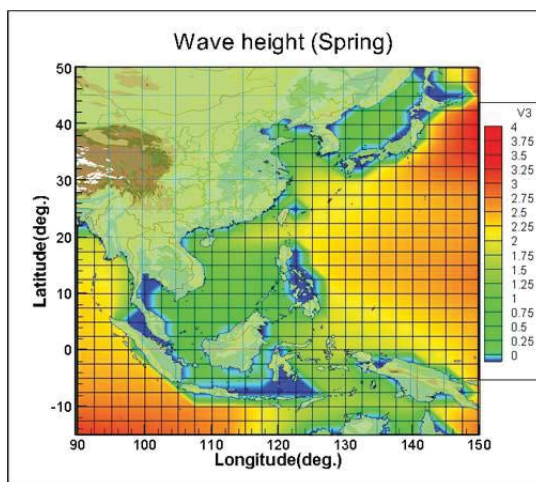


Figure 2 Contour of average of significant wave height (spring: March - May).

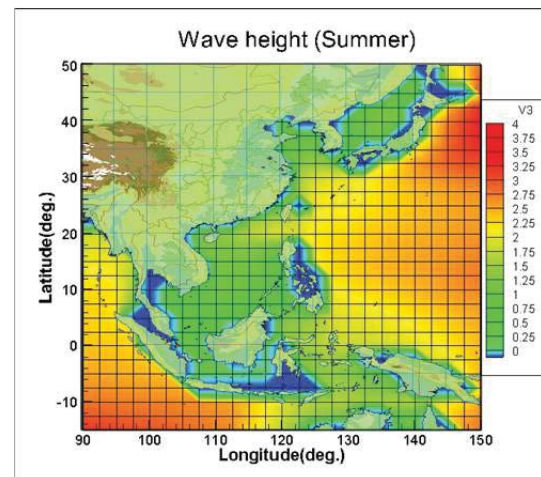


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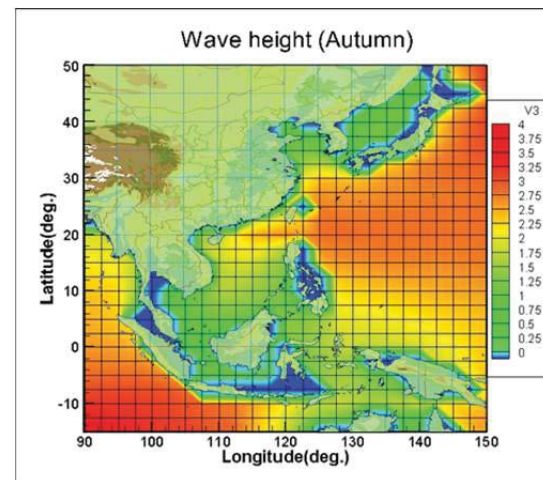


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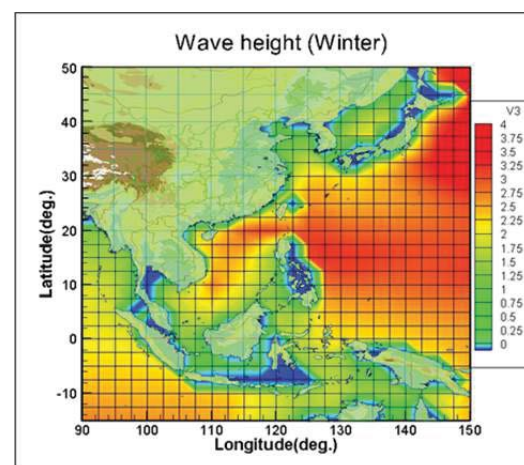


Figure 5 Contour of average of wave height (winter: December - February).

2.3 Statistical Characteristic of Wave Height

Probability of exceedance of wave height is evaluated based on the statistical analysis of wave and wind data. For the comparison of wave height between South China Sea, North Pacific and North Atlantic, the sea area in statistical analysis shown in Figure 6 is defined.

It is found that wave in South China Sea is relatively calmer than that in North Pacific and North Atlantic because wave of Southeast Asia is affected by weather from South Pole to the south Indian Ocean. On the other hand, in autumn, severe sea state in the area close to Hong Kong is similar to that in North Pacific and North Atlantic owing to typhoon in low pressure.

It is found that occurrence probability of sever sea state in North Atlantic and North Pacific is about 10 or 10^2 times higher than that in South China Sea. This means that large acceleration can occur in other sea area such as North Atlantic and North Pacific. Therefore, it is rational that long term prediction for the determination of safety level of lateral acceleration should be evaluated based on the long term probability in North Atlantic or North Pacific.

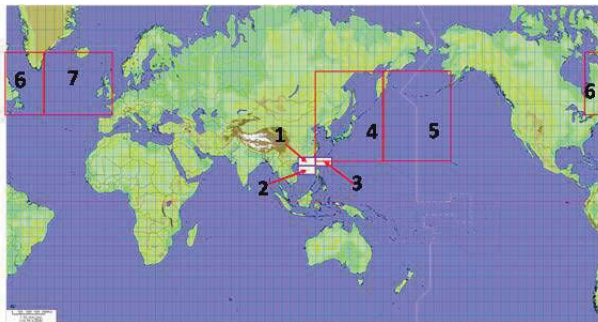
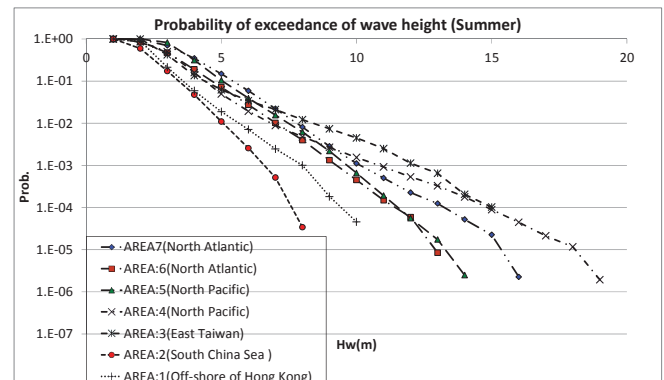
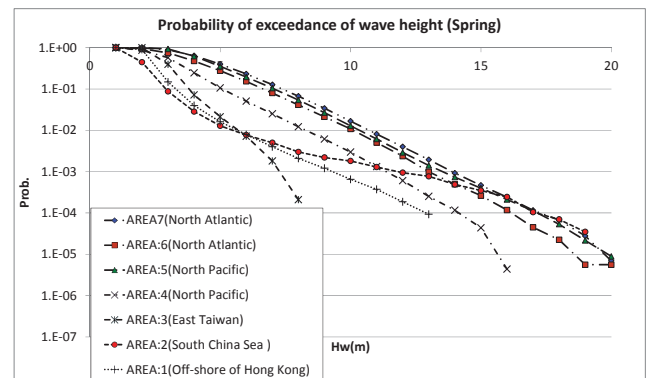
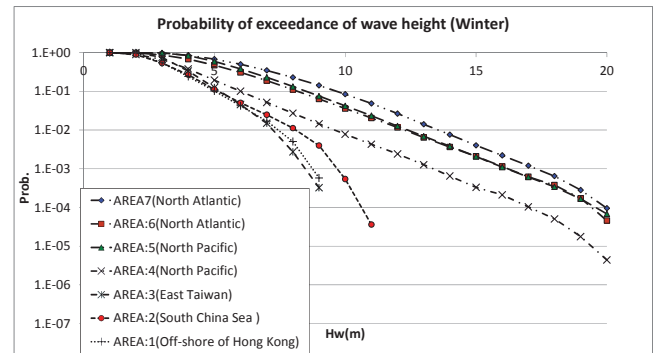
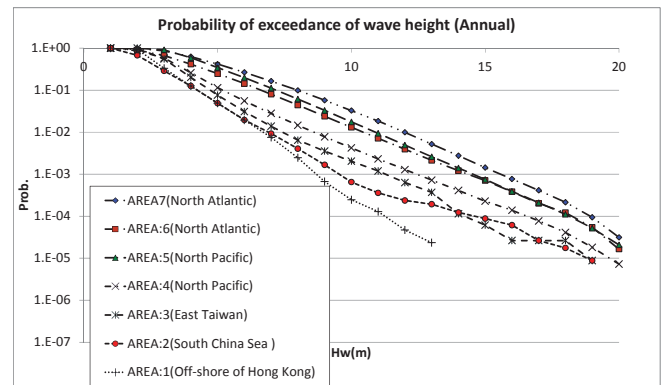


Figure 6 The sea area as the object of the present study



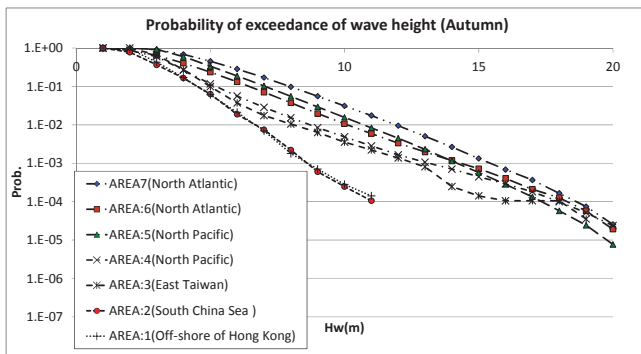


Figure 7 Probability of exceedance of wave height.

3. EVALUATION OF OCCURRENCE OF PROBABILITY OF EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION

3.1 Computation of Long term Probability

Short term and long term probability of lateral acceleration is computed based on the superposition of linear response amplitude operator (Price, W. G. and Bishop, R.E.D., 1974). Container ship and crude tanker were used for object ships in the present study. Table 1 indicates loading conditions of object ships. Loading conditions of them were assumed based on the loading manual of the same ship type.

Response amplitude operator of ship motion and acceleration was computed by means of linear strip method (NSM). ISSC Spectrum was used as a wave spectrum. Cosine square distribution was assumed as a wave directional spectrum. Ship speed in the computation was assumed as 3 knots.

Scatter diagrams of wave height and wave period in North Atlantic, North Pacific and South China Sea were made by means of hindcast data. Tables 2, 3 and 4 show these scatter diagrams. Area of North Atlantic, North Pacific and South China Sea corresponds to areas, which is shown in Figure 4, respectively.

Table 1 Loading conditions of object ships in the present study.

Ship type	Lpp (m)	Loading condition	draught (m)	GM (m)
Container ship	283.8	Full	14.0	1.0
		Partial	11.0	5.0
		Ballast	8.8	7.0
Crude tanker	307.0	Full	19.5	12.0
		Ballast	8.0	28.0

3.2 Short Term Probability of Lateral Acceleration

Standard deviation of lateral acceleration at bridge as a function of mean wave period is shown in Figures 8 to 12. It is found that standard deviation becomes larger in the case of large GM. In the accident of CHICAGO EXPRESS (Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation of Germany, 2009), significant wave height and acceleration in the bridge were estimated to be 7.5m and 1G ($=9.8\text{m/s}^2$). In the case of ballast condition of object container ship, it is found that maximum acceleration exceeds 1G when wave height exceeds about 8m.

With regard to the object ships in the present study, it is important to examine long term probability of ballast condition because having sufficient stability could induce large rolling angles and resulting in large lateral accelerations.

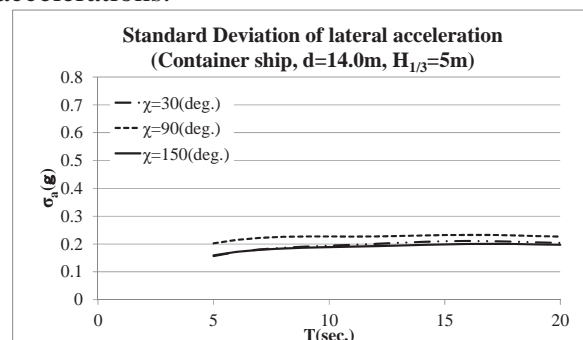


Figure 8 Standard deviation of lateral acceleration at bridge (Container ship, Full loading).

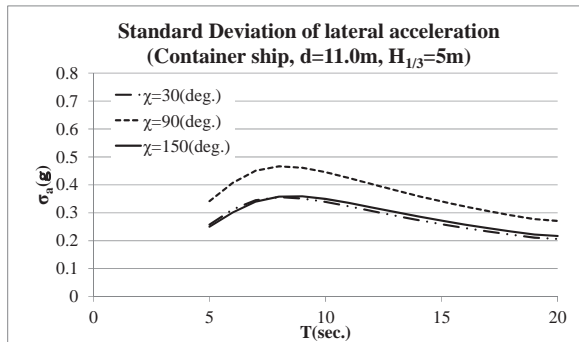


Figure 9 Standard deviation of lateral acceleration at bridge (Container ship, Partial condition).

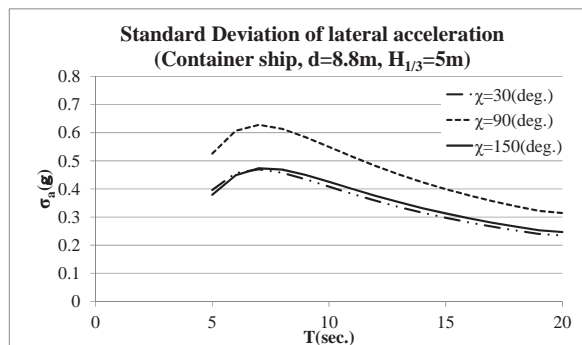


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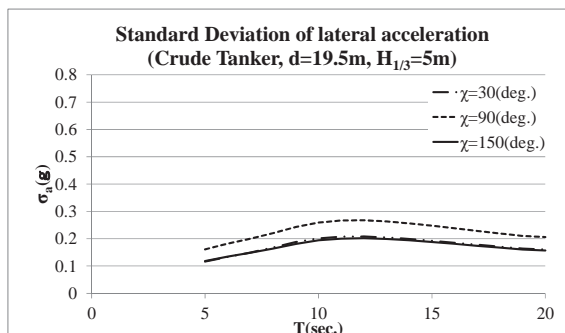


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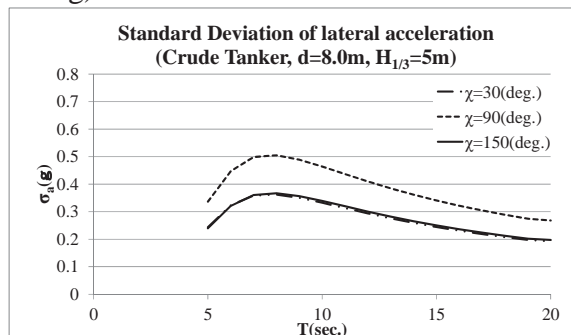


Figure 12 Standard deviation of lateral acceleration at bridge (Crude tanker, Ballast condition).

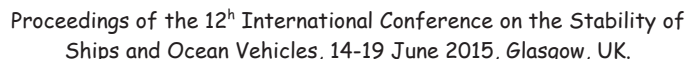
3.3 Long Term Probability of Lateral Acceleration

Figures from 13 to 15 show long term prediction of lateral acceleration of container ship using wave scatter diagram of North Atlantic, North Pacific and South China Sea, respectively. Figures from 16 to 18 show long term prediction of lateral acceleration at bridge of crude tanker.

It is found that long term probability in beam seas is higher than that in other wave direction because large lateral acceleration is caused by the rolling resonance. In the present computation, long term probability of 1G corresponds to about from $10^{2.5}$ to $10^{1.5}$ in beam seas. It is clarified that large acceleration can occur with high probability because large lateral acceleration is caused by the rolling resonance.

Figure 19 and Figure 20 show long term prediction of rolling of container ship and crude tanker, respectively. It is found that probability of occurrence of rolling corresponds to about from 25 to 30 at the same probability of acceleration of 1G. This is the same level as that in the casualty report of CHICAGO EXPRESS (Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation of Germany, 2009).

It is clarified that probability of excessive lateral acceleration largely depends on the loading condition. It is also clarified that excessive lateral acceleration occurs in a relatively high probability owing to the roll resonance. This means that all types of ship have certain possibility to meet large acceleration. Therefore, it is basically difficult to exclude all risk of excessive lateral acceleration only based on the design criteria. It is essential to prevent such a phenomenon that occurs frequently by the combination of design criteria and operational limitation.

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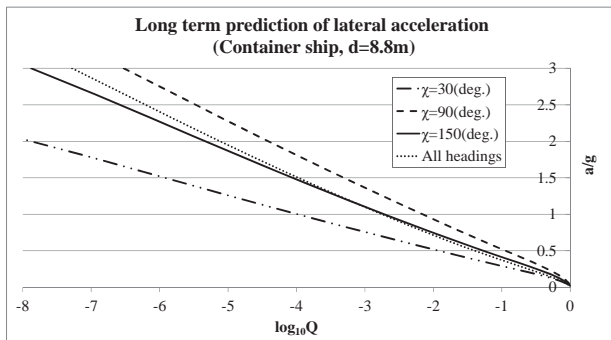


Figure 13 Long term prediction of lateral acceleration at bridge of container ship (Ballast condition, wave scatter diagram: South China Sea).

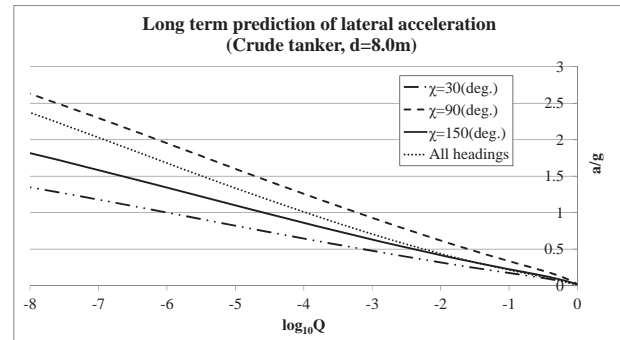


Figure 16 Long term prediction of lateral acceleration at bridge of crude tanker (Ballast condition, wave scatter diagram: South China Sea).

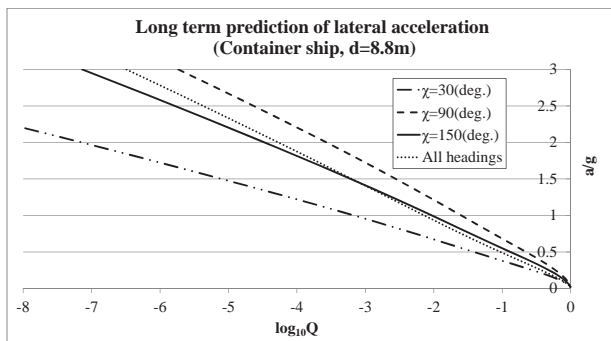


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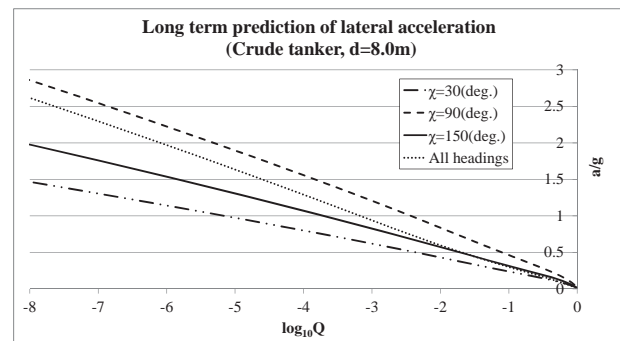


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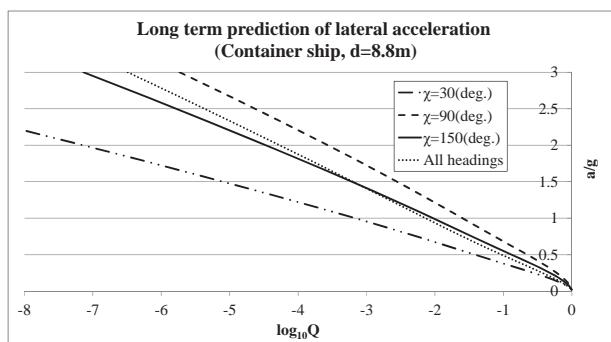


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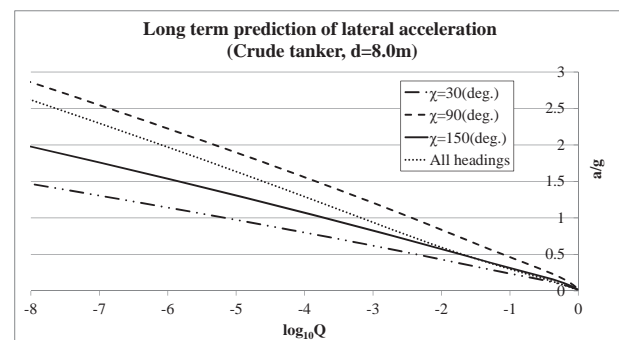


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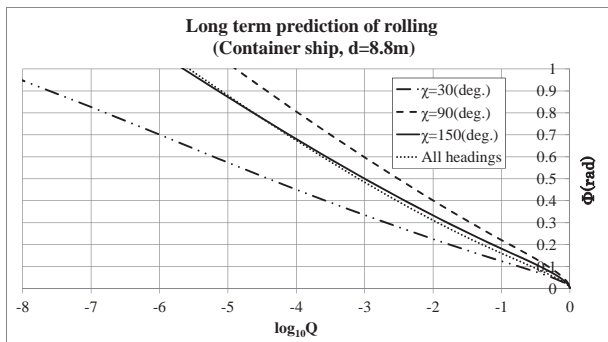


Figure 19 Long term prediction of rolling of container ship (Ballast condition, wave scatter diagram: South China Sea).

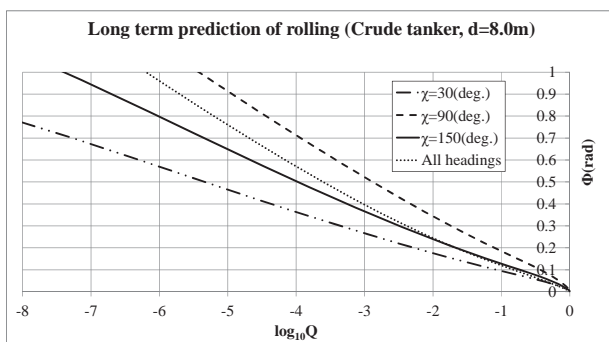


Figure 20 Long term prediction of rolling of crude tanker (Ballast condition, wave scatter diagram: South China Sea).

4. CONCLUSIONS

For the assessment of the correlation between loading condition, sea state and probability of occurrence of lateral acceleration, the short term and long term probability of lateral acceleration was computed. Conclusions are as follows:

1) Sea state in North Atlantic and North Pacific is severer than that in South China Sea although wave becomes severer in the area close to Hong Kong.

2) Lateral acceleration of the object ships in this study becomes larger in the ballast condition.

3) Excessive lateral acceleration occurs in a relatively high probability owing to the roll resonance.

4) It is rational to prevent such a phenomenon that occurs frequently not only by the design criteria but also by the operational guidance or limitation.

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Application of IMO Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria for Dead Ship Condition to Small Fishing Vessels

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ABSTRACT

This work analyses the applicability of the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria (SGISC) to small fishing vessels. The stability performance of a set of ten small fishing vessels in dead ship condition is analysed in relation with the degree of fulfilment of the same vessels of the IMO Weather Criterion. The results obtained show that the vessels which present better stability regarding the SGISC in general show less stability margin under the IMO Weather Criterion. These inconsistencies suggest that SGISC in dead ship condition could require further development for its application to small fishing vessels.

Keywords: *Second generation intact stability criteria, dead ship condition, small vessel, fishing vessel, weather criterion*

1. INTRODUCTION

It is widely recognized that the current stability framework can be improved, being necessary to explore new approaches to develop new intact stability criteria which could capture the complexity of the dynamics experienced by seagoing vessels. The IMO Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and Fishing Vessels at its 45th meeting in 2002 (SLF 45) established a working group with the long-term aim to redefine the Intact Stability Code according to a performance standards approach (Francescutto, 2004). In its current status, the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria (SGISC) framework contemplates five failure modes: Pure loss of stability, parametric roll, surf-riding / broaching, dead-ship condition; and excessive accelerations. This SGISC is intended to substitute or at least complement to some extent the current stability framework. Regarding the current status of the SGISC in dead ship condition, the IMO

weather criterion is proposed to be the 1st tier criterion for the dead ship condition. The 2nd tier criterion is based on the calculation of the probability of capsizing in certain conditions. Therefore, homogeneity in the trends observed by the application of both stability standards to the same vessels would be expectable.

Focusing in the application of the SGISC for dead ship condition to small fishing vessels, the authors have undertaken a research to study the influence of a specific fishing effort control regulations on the accident rates of part of the Spanish fishing fleet (Mata-Álvarez-Santullano and Souto-Iglesias, 2014, 2012). In the course of this investigation the stability performance in rough weather of ten small fishing vessels under IMO weather criterion and SGISC for dead ship condition was studied.

The current work presents the results of this part of the investigation: the comparison of the stability performance of ten small fishing



vessels under these two mentioned stability criteria.

2. VESSELS STUDIED

Ten small fishing vessels have been studied. They are grouped in two sets: five fishing vessels which were lost in stability

related accidents, and the five vessels which where decommissioned for building the lost ones. These two sets of vessels are referred to as “lost vessels” and “predecessors”, and are given the codes F1 to F5 and P1 to P5, respectively. The ten vessels are presented in Table 1.

Boat	SFFR ¹ code	Gear type	Year of build	Length overall (m)	Tonna ge (GT)	Notes
F1	25057	Seines	2001	17	34.18	Lost vessel
F2	24593	Hook and lines	1999	16.02	29.97	Lost vessel
F3	24391	Seines	1999	18	44.83	Lost vessel
F4	24358	Gilnets / entangling nets	1999	20.5	87.03	Lost vessel
F5	24199	Seines	1999	19.4	59.01	Lost vessel
P1	16060	Seines	1989	15	17.11	Predecessor to 25057
P2	11830	Hook and lines	1963	11.3	5.86	Predecessor to 24593
P3	5969	Seines	1978	14.1	28.7	Predecessor to 24391
P4	251	Gilnets / entangling nets	1983	16	47	Predecessor to 24358
P5	5154	Seines	1959	15.75	29	Predecessor to 24199








Table 1 Fishing vessel case studies

¹ SFFR: Spanish fishing fleet register



The ships in this table are referred to using the SFFR code. The European equivalent to such code is obtained adding to it the country code (ESP). This database may be accessed at <http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/fleet/index.cfm?lg=en>.

Images of the ten vessels are included in Figure 1.

Vessels	Lost vessel	Predecessor
F1-P1		
F2-P2		No photography available
F3-P3		
F4-P4		

F5-P5



Figure 1. Images of the ten vessels studied

It has not been possible to obtain precise information about all predecessors, for the following reasons:

- Some documents are missing in the ship file or there is not ship file in the Spanish Maritime Administration, as some vessels are quite old.
- Some documents were not compulsory by the regulation that was in force when some of the predecessors were built (e.g. hullform plan, stability book...)
- The shipyards where some boats were built do not exist nowadays or do not keep files of those boats.

Due to these reasons, not all the main dimensions and characteristics of these are available. Some of them have been estimated according to the following procedures:

- Hullforms were obtained by affine transformation of known similar fishing vessels. The vessels from which the studied ones were obtained had similar dimensions, the same type of fishing gear, hull material, and hull type (stern and bow). When possible, ships built in close years and from the same areas of operation were chosen.

- Unknown main dimensions were estimated by linear regression of databases of fishing vessels, similar in size, type of fishing gear, year of built, hull material and area of operation.

For each of the ten fishing studied a characteristic loading condition is established. Each vessel has been studied in one loading condition only, chosen from the information available, normally the full load condition. In the case of vessels for which no stability booklets were available (most predecessors) a loading condition close to the full load is estimated, with the best information available.

3. METHODOLOGY FOR THE ANALYSES

The Weather Criterion is one of general provisions of the IMO 2008 Intact Stability Code. This criterion was originally developed to guarantee the safety against capsizing for a ship losing all propulsive and steering power in severe wind and waves, which is known as a dead ship condition. This criterion is well known and explanatory notes have been developed by IMO explaining the fundamentals behind the criterion (IMO, 2008), the underlying physical laws and the implicit assumptions.

A graphical representation of this criterion is shown in Figure 2.

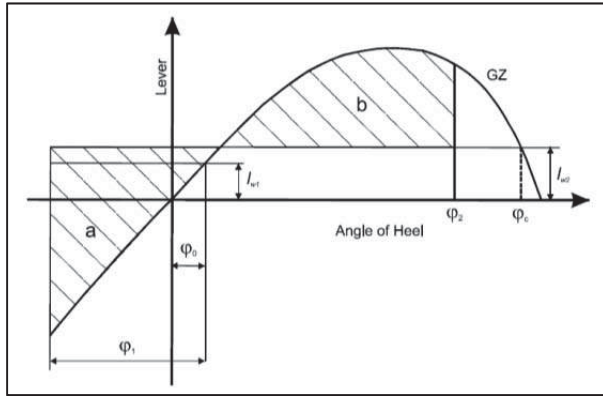


Figure 2 Graphical representation of the weather criterion

The basic principle of the weather criterion is an energy balance between the beam wind heeling and righting moments with a roll motion taken into account. The underlying physical ideas behind the criterion are:

- The ship is assumed to be heeled under the action of a steady beam wind providing a constant, heel independent, heeling moment;
- In addition, the ship is assumed to roll (mainly due to the action of waves) around the equilibrium angle under the action of constant beam wind with amplitude determined according to the criterion.
- When the ship is at the maximum heel to the windward side, a gust occurs leading to a wind heeling moment that is 50% higher than the heeling moment due to the steady wind.
- The ship is required to have sufficient dynamic stability to survive the considered scenario. This will occur if 'b' (Figure 2) is larger than 'a'. Otherwise the vessel will reach the capsizing angle.

It is worth to mention that, under the Spanish regulations, Weather Criterion is not required to be complied with if the area below the stability curve up to a heel angle of 30° is over 0.065 rad x m.

The Weather Criterion is based on partially semi-empirical approaches. To overcome the inherent limitations to this criterion, a Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria (SGISC) for dead ship condition is under development by IMO. Some authors (Bulian and Francescutto, 2006) have proposed a methodology to assess the ship vulnerability to the failure mode "dead ship condition". Under this approach vulnerability is assessed by estimating the short term probability of capsizing by calculating the roll motion under the combined action of stochastic wind and waves. This is the basis of the methodology agreed by the IMO SLF sub-committee for the 2nd tier vulnerability criteria for the dead ship condition (IMO, 2013).

In this paper the probability of capsizing is estimated following the methodology by Bulian and Francescutto with some modifications which are explained hereinafter. Most of the text and formulae included in this section is taken directly from these references. This section is not intended to be a thorough description of the methodology, and further details and explanations may be found in the referenced documents by Bulian and Francescutto (Bulian and Francescutto, 2006, 2004) and IMO.

3.1 Roll model

The objective of this analysis is obtaining a short-term capsize index C_s by means of a simplified calculation methodology which takes into account the roll dynamics in given environmental conditions. The roll motion of the ship can be described by the following 1-dof non-linear model:

$$(J_{xx} + J_{add}) \cdot \ddot{\varphi} + D(\dot{\varphi}) + \Delta \cdot \overline{GZ}(\varphi) = M_{wind,tot}(\varphi, t) + M_{waves}(t) \quad (1)$$

where

- J_{xx} is the ship dry moment of inertia
- J_{add} is the added moment of inertia

- $D(\phi')$ is the general damping moment
- Δ is the ship displacement
- $GZ(\phi)$ is the restoring lever
- $M_{wind,tot}(\phi, t)$ is the total instantaneous moment due to wind taking
- $M_{waves}(t)$ is the total instantaneous moment due to waves

For simplicity, a linear roll damping model is chosen, therefore $D(\phi') = 2 \cdot \mu \cdot \phi'$, with

$$\mu = k \cdot \sqrt{(J_{xx} + J_{add}) \cdot GM \cdot \Delta} \quad (2)$$

where GM is the transversal metacentric height and k a non-dimensional damping coefficient. Following Tello et al. (Tello et al., 2011) the coefficient k may be taken constant for fishing vessels similar to the studied, equal to 0.12.

The spectrum of wave moment is estimated according to the methodology by Bulian and Francescutto. Under this assumption, the excitation moment due to waves M_{waves} is assumed to be a Gaussian process, whose spectrum, $SM_{waves}(\omega)$ is estimated from the sea wave slope spectrum $S_{\alpha\alpha}(\omega)$:

$$S_{M_{waves}}(w) = (\Delta \cdot \overline{GM} \cdot f_{r,waves}(w))^2 \cdot S_{\alpha\alpha}(w) \quad (3)$$

Where $f_{r,waves}(\omega)$ is the effective wave slope function and the spectrum of the wave slope $S_{\alpha\alpha}$ is to be calculated as

$$S_{\alpha\alpha}(w) = \frac{\omega^4}{g^2} \cdot S_{zz}(w) \quad (4)$$

3.2 Wave moment spectrum

Spectrum of wave moment has been obtained by two different methods:

1. Moment of waves is directly computed by state-of-the-art linear seakeeping software that calculates wave loads and vessel motions in regular waves, on the basis of three dimensional potential theory. To avoid problems associated with roll-sway-yaw coupling in the 1-dof roll model only Froude-Krylov moments are considered for the calculations.

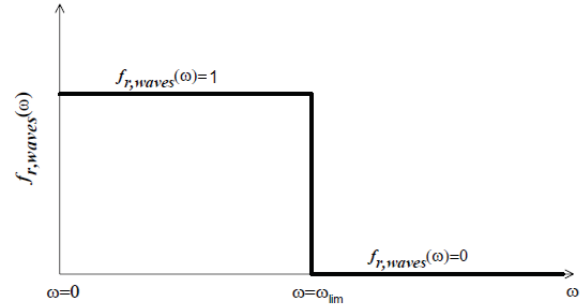


Figure 3 Simplified effective wave slope function

2. A very simplified form for $f_{r,waves}(\omega)$ is used (Figure 3): a step function that takes value 1 for frequencies lower than ω_{lim} , and takes value 0 for values higher than ω_{lim} , being ω_{lim} the frequency corresponding to a wave having a length equal to one half of the ship breadth:

$$\omega_{lim} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi \cdot g}{B/2}} \quad (1)$$

3.3 Roll spectrum

Assuming wind and waves moments to be Gaussian processes, locally uncorrelated, the spectrum of the total roll moment can be computed as the sum of the non-dimensional wind and waves moment spectra.

$$S_m(w) = S_{\delta m_{wind}}(w) + S_{m_{waves}}(w) \quad (6)$$

The final roll spectrum $S_x(\omega)$ can be obtained as follows:

$$S_x(w) = \frac{w_0^4 S_m(w)}{[w_e^2(\varphi_s) - w^2]^2 + [2 \cdot \mu \cdot w]^2} \quad (7)$$

Where ϕ_s is the static equilibrium heel angle under the action of the static wind with velocity V_w and ω_e is the modified roll natural frequency close to the equilibrium angle ϕ_s , given by the equation

$$w_e = w_0 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{GM_{res}(\phi_s)}{GM}} \quad (8)$$

Where $GM_{res}(\phi_s)$ is the derivative of the righting lever curve at ϕ_s .

The linear roll damping model chosen allows us to compute directly the spectrum as all terms in the right side of the above equation are known.

3.4 Capsize index and mean capsize time

The capsizing event is defined as the up-crossing of a certain “equivalent area virtual capsize” angle. In order to take into account the actual shape of the righting lever, two virtual capsize angles to leeward and windward are defined, in such a way that the area under the actual residual righting lever and under the linearized residual righting lever are the same. Such “equivalent area” virtual capsize angles are to be calculated by equations 9 and 10.

$$\text{windward:} \quad \varphi_{cap,EA-} = \varphi_s - \sqrt{\frac{-2}{GM_{res}(\varphi_s)} \cdot \int_{\varphi_{cap,-}}^{\varphi_s} GZ_{res}(\xi) d\xi} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{leeward:} \quad \varphi_{cap,EA+} = \varphi_s + \sqrt{\frac{-2}{GM_{res}(\varphi_s)} \cdot \int_{\varphi_s}^{\varphi_{cap,+}} GZ_{res}(\xi) d\xi} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{cases} CI = 1 - \exp(-\lambda_{EA} \cdot T_{exp}) \\ T_{cap} = 1/\lambda_{EA} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

$$T_{cap} = 1/\lambda_{EA} \quad (12)$$

$$\lambda_{EA} = \frac{1}{T_{z,Cs}} \cdot \left[\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2 \cdot RI_{EA+}^2}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2 \cdot RI_{EA-}^2}\right) \right] \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{cases} RI_{EA+} = \frac{\sigma_{Cs}}{\Delta\varphi_{res,EA+}}; \Delta\varphi_{res,EA+} = \varphi_{cap,EA+} - \varphi_s \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{cases} RI_{EA-} = \frac{\sigma_{Cs}}{\Delta\varphi_{res,EA-}}; \Delta\varphi_{res,EA-} = \varphi_s - \varphi_{cap,EA-} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Where $GZ\varphi = GZ(\varphi) \cdot l_{wind,tot}$ and $l_{wind,tot}$ is the heeling moment lever due to the action of the mean wind.

From this point, the mean capsize time T_{cap} and the capsize index CI can be estimated. These magnitudes are given by the expressions in equations 11 and 12.

The exposure time T_{exp} is taken equal to 3600 s, and the quantities σ_{Cs} and $T_{z,Cs}$ are to be determined:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{Cs} = \sqrt{m_0} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{cases} T_{z,Cs} = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m_0}{m_2}} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

For a more complete description of the methodology and the process to obtain CI and T_{cap} , the work under development by IMO (IMO, 2013) should be consulted.

3.5 Conditions of the analysis

For the ten vessels studied, T_{cap} and CI have been calculated in two sea states defined by the significant wave height and modal wave period according to the standardized scale adopted by NATO (Military Agency for Standardization, NATO, 1983). For all vessels, SSN4 and SSN5 have been studied, corresponding to significant wave heights of 1.88m and 3.25m with modal periods of 8.8s and 9.7 s respectively. The Bretschneider wave spectrum and exposure time of 1 hour have been considered.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Weather Criterion

Table 2 presents the degree of compliance of the ten vessels studied with the Weather Criterion. Only two vessels (F1 and F2) fail to comply with the criterion, although it must be remarked that none of the case studies had to comply with Weather Criterion, as in all cases the area under the GZ curve up to 30° is larger than 0.065 m.rad.

Vessel	b / a (%)	Heel angle due to steady wind moment (deg)
F1	15.1	9.8
F2	63.2	6.3
F3	143.1	7.1
F4	348.0	5.1
F5	125.6	5.9
P1	147.7	6.6
P2	193.4	5.9
P3	293.0	3.0
P4	306.9	3.4
P5	337.2	1.7

Table 2 Summary of the weather criterion results for the ten vessels studied

4.2 SGISC. Vulnerability in dead ship condition

For the ten vessels studied, Capsize Index (CI) and Mean Capsize Time (T_{cap}) have been obtained according to the methodology explained previously. Results of the analyses are presented in tables 3 to 6.

SSN4 – wave moment calculated by linear seakeeping program

Vessel	Static heel angle ($^\circ$)	CI	T_{cap} (hours)
F1	0.8	5.33E-04	1875
F2	0.6	3.96E-07	2526427
F3	0.7	8.07E-08	12393879
F4	0.5	8.11E-12	1.23E+11
F5	0.6	5.43E-05	18407
P1	0.8	4.14E-03	241
P2	0.6	1.59E-05	63087
P3	0.3	8.06E-09	124132802
P4	0.4	5.60E-10	1.78E+09
P5	0.2	1.46E-07	6847793

Table 3 CI and T_{cap} in SSN4. Wave moment calculated by linear seakeeping program

SSN5 – wave moment calculated by linear seakeeping program

Vessel	Static heel angle ($^\circ$)	CI	T_{cap} (hours)
F1	1.7	0.898827	0.44
F2	1.3	0.060066	16.14
F3	1.5	0.034321	28.63
F4	1.1	0.000404	2477.51
F5	1.3	0.498709	1.45
P1	1.6	0.986700	0.23
P2	1.2	0.271029	3.16
P3	0.6	0.008210	121.30
P4	0.7	0.002221	449.67
P5	0.4	0.030468	32.32

Table 4 CI and T_{cap} in SSN5. Wave moment calculated by linear seakeeping program

**SSN4 – wave moment calculated by
simplified effective wave slope function**

Vessel	Static heel angle (°)	CI	Tcap (hours)
F1	0.8	0.012652	78.5
F2	0.6	0.000141	7105.5
F3	0.7	0.000098	10170.0
F4	0.5	0.000002	464736.8
F5	0.6	0.011733	84.7
P1	0.8	0.075432	12.8
P2	0.6	0.007261	137.2
P3	0.3	0.001136	879.9
P4	0.4	0.000049	20328.1
P5	0.2	0.019307	51.3

Table 5 CI and T_{cap} in SSN4. Wave moment calculated by simplified effective wave slope function

**SSN5 – wave moment calculated by
simplified effective wave slope function**

Vessel	Static heel angle (°)	CI	Tcap (hours)
F1	1.7	1.00	0.119
F2	1.3	0.5790	1.155
F3	1.5	0.5464	1.265
F4	1.1	0.1099	8.586
F5	1.3	0.9992	0.140
P1	1.6	1	0.060
P2	1.2	0.9949	0.189
P3	0.6	0.8766	0.478
P4	0.7	0.3702	2.163
P5	0.4	0.9997	0.125

Table 6 CI and T_{cap} in SSN5. Wave moment calculated by simplified effective wave slope function

5. RESULTS ANALYSIS

Regarding the Weather Criterion, it is interesting that, while under the Spanish stability regulations in force, Weather Criterion was not required to be checked for F1 and F2, these two vessels failed to pass it.

It is to be noted a very low b/a ratio of about 15% for F1. When comparing the lost vessels with their predecessors, it can be seen that, in general, predecessors have more margin with respect to the criterion limits. Except F4, all the lost vessels have lower b/a ratio than any of the predecessors. Regarding the heel angle due to steady wind, in all cases predecessors have lower values, which is indicative of better stability.

The main result of the SGISC analysis is that in general predecessors present worst stability in dead ship condition, except for the pair F3-P3 and F5-P5, for which the trend is not so clear.

One outcome observed looking at tables 3 to 6 is that in general higher CI's are obtained when using the simplified effective wave slope function for estimating the wave moments than the CIs obtained using the linear seakeeping Froude-Krylov roll moments. This is an expectable result, as in general the simplified effective wave slope function reaches higher values in the frequency calculation domain than the effective wave slope estimated by the seakeeping program.

The comparisons between F3-P3 and F5-P5 provide different results depending on which roll moment calculation method is chosen. For instance, comparing vessels F3 and P3 in SSN5, if roll moment is obtained by linear seakeeping calculations, P3 results to have lower CI (that is to say, better stability performance). On the contrary, if the wave roll moment is estimated by the simplified effective wave slope, F3 results with better stability. This suggests that in some cases the simplified effective wave slope may not provide the needed accuracy at estimating wave roll moment for the intended regulatory use.

Except for the pairs of vessels F3-P3 and F5-P5, in general, the lost vessels seem to

have better behaviour in dead ship condition than the predecessors.

According to the results obtained, it seems the two methods used for comparing the stability in rough weather (IMO standard Weather Criterion, and 2nd Generation Stability Criteria dead ship condition) does not correlate. While according to Weather Criterion predecessors show in general better performance, in dead ship condition the lost vessels tend to have smaller capsize indexes.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The analysis conducted has not thrown consistent results in regards to pointing to the lost vessels as less secure from the point of view of these rough weather criteria.

Considering the variability in the results obtained, it is guessed that further validation work might be needed for ensuring that Second generation intact stability criteria (SGISC) in dead ship condition is providing a robust methodology to quantitatively determine capsizing probabilities for regulatory purposes. The large sensibility of short term capsize index CI and capsize time T_{cap} formulation to small input parameters variations may indicate that further validation is needed in order to ensure the methodology it suitable for early design stability assessment or regulatory purposes, as in design stages many vessel parameters are still uncertain or may have a large variability which would affect the values of CI and T_{cap} .

At this stage, this methodology is believed to provide good guidance at design stages when comparing different design options or comparing vessels.

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Investigation of the Intact Stability Accident of the Multipurpose Vessel MS ROSEBURG

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the results of the accident of the multipurpose vessel MS ROSEBURG. On the voyage from Riga to Barrow Haven the ship was laden with timber cargo on the deck and in the hold. In the Bay of Kiel the ship was caught by a gust of wind and reached a heeling angle of 10 to 15 degrees. The deck cargo began to slip and lashing straps for cargo securing broke. The ship reached a heeling angle of 40 degrees. About 75 percent of the deck cargo was lost. Afterwards the ship rested at a stable equilibrium.

Keywords: *Intact Stability; Ship Accident; Accident Investigation; Ship Safety; MS ROSEBURG*

1. INTRODUCTION

The investigation of accidents is useful to better understand the casualty roots. In this paper the accident of MS ROSEBURG is investigated which happened in an intact condition of the vessel. Hence conclusions can be made, whether the applicable intact stability criteria are sufficient.

MS ROSEBURG was built in 1990 as a combined freighter for timber and grain cargo. On the relevant voyage the vessel was laden with timber cargo in the hold and on deck and a few cable reels in the hold. The ship started in Riga on the evening of 02 November 2013. Three days later, on 05 November 2013, MS ROSEBURG reached the Bay of Kiel, where the accident occurred.

The sequence of events leading to the accident is reconstructed by the witness statements. The crew of the vessel, the harbour police and the company for the recovery of the timber cargo were asked to

comment on the accident. According to this the accident happens as follows:



Figure 1 Consequences of the accident

At five o'clock the captain asked for the permission of anchoring to perform small repairs. Shortly afterwards the ship began to heel and reached a heeling angle of 10 to 15 degree caused by a gust of wind. As a result of the heeling angle and the related accelerations the timber cargo on deck slipped and the load securing failed. Hence the ship reached a heeling angle of 40 degree and the

main part of timber cargo on deck went overboard. Following the stability of MS ROSEBURG was increased and the vessel reached a stable position of equilibrium. In Figure 1 the consequences of the accident are shown. People were not injured in the accident.

In this paper the questions will be answered, which stability condition resulted in the accident and why it occurred in the Bay of Kiel. Therefore, the paper begins with the presentation of MS ROSEBURG and the according calculation model. Afterwards the documents of the loading condition are analysed checking the consistency. In addition it is analysed why the voyage from Riga to the Bay of Kiel was without an accident. This is done by the calculation of the accelerations of the deck cargo taking into account realistic environmental conditions during the voyage. Finally the process of the accident and all related information are summarized in the conclusion.

All calculations are executed within the ship design environment E4 which is developed by the Institute of Ship Design and Ship Safety at the Hamburg University of Technology and partners.

2. SHIP AND CALCULATION MODEL

2.1 MS ROSEBURG

The multipurpose vessel MS ROSEBURG was originally built in 1990 as MV BALTIC BORG by the shipyard FERUS SMIT BV Hoogezand as Hull No. 257. The call sign of the vessel is V2PS2. MS ROSEBURG is classified at Lloyd's Register in Rotterdam. The ship is designed for timber and grain cargo with a maximum permissible deadweight of 3005 t. A side view of the vessel is presented in figure 2. At the time of the accident, the ship was registered in St.

John's, Canada. In table 1 the main dimensions of MS ROSEBURG can be found.

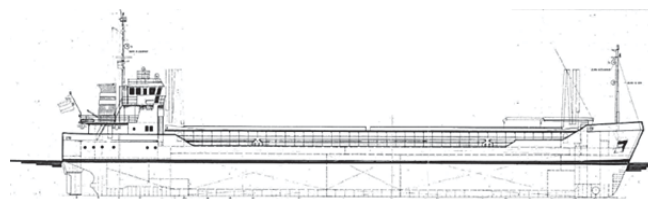


Figure 2 Side view of MS ROSEBURG

Length over all	78.00 m
Breadth	12.50 m
Draft at summer freeboard	4.95 m
Depth to main deck	6.60 m

Table 1 Main dimension of MS ROSEBURG

According to the stability booklet the safety requirements of the Intact Stability Code are applied. In the following investigation these rules are considered for the evaluation of the stability condition in the different loading conditions which means:

- $GM_0 \geq 0.15$ m
- $h(30^\circ) \geq 0.20$ m
- h_{\max} at $\varphi \geq 25^\circ$
- $\text{Area}(0^\circ, 30^\circ) \geq 0.055$ m·rad
- $\text{Area}(0^\circ, 40^\circ) \geq 0.090$ m·rad
- $\text{Area}(30^\circ, 40^\circ) \geq 0.030$ m·rad
- Weather Criteria

2.2 Calculation Model

The calculation model of MS ROSEBURG is presented in figure 3. For the investigation the buoyancy body is composed of the forecastle (green) and the stern geometry (red) up to the height of 8.8 m which corresponds to the height of the hatch cover (blue). The sheer strake is not taken into account as a part of the buoyancy body. Furthermore the deckhouse is not modelled due to the fact that it is only relevant at a

heeling angle of more than 45 degrees which did not occur during the accident.

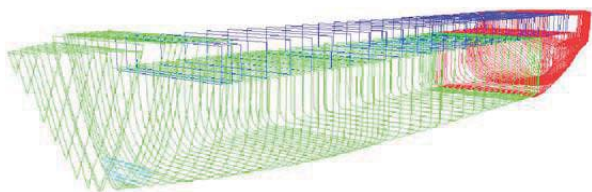


Figure 3 Calculation model

To control the calculation model, a comparison of a standard loading condition of the stability booklet ("Timber length packages Departure") is made between the given and calculated hydrostatic characteristics and the weight distribution. The values of the weight, the draft, the stability etc. are approximately similar. The comparison is shown in table 2 in detail. Therefore it can be assumed that the calculation model represents the real behaviour of MS ROSEBURG.

	Calc.		Stab. Booklet	
Displacement	4037.0	t	4037.070	t
Draft at AP	4.923	m	4.928	m
Draft at FP	4.949	m	4.950	m
LCG from AP	39.742	m	39.739	m
VCG a. BL	4.922	m	4.931	m
GM ₀	0.449	m	0.454	m
GG'	0.030	m	0.038	m

Table 2 Comparison of the calculated and given values

3. THE DECISIVE VOYAGE

On the second of November 2013 MS ROSEBURG was laden with timber cargo and cable reels and left the port of Riga at 20.00 o'clock. The destination of the voyage was the harbour of Barrow Haven, UK. On the fifth of November 2013, the vessel reached the Bay of Kiel where the accident occurred. The track of the vessel is displayed in figure 4.

Following the documents of the loading conditions of the voyage are analysed at the departure and the arrival time. The stability condition must be significantly changed at the Bay of Kiel. Otherwise the accidents would already take place during the voyage.



Figure 4 AIS Data of MS ROSEBURG

3.1 Departure Condition

Based on the documentation of the on board computer, the ship has an deadweight of 2886 t with a draft of 5.00 m forward, 4.90 m aft and a mean draft of 4.95 m. Furthermore, the lever arm curve is calculated which is presented in figure 5.

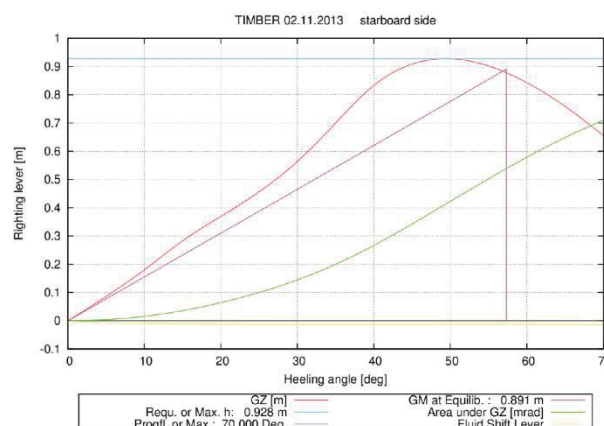


Figure 5 Lever arm curve during the departure time

From this, it can be said, the deadweight and the draft do not exceed the maximum values. Also the intact stability criteria are fulfilled by this loading condition.

It was recognized that the printout from the on board computer has a discrepancy

regarding the cargo on deck. The timber packages on deck are specified with a volume of 609 m³, but without a mass and a centre of gravity. From further documents it is clear that the mass of the hold cargo must include the mass of the timber packages on the hatch covers/ on deck.

Therefore, a new calculation is performed with a corrected centre of gravity for the load of the timber cargo on deck. It is assumed that the mass of the cargo is 1845 t in the hold and 300 t on deck. This corresponds to the loading condition of comparison from the stability booklet. As a result the initial stability of the ship is reduced from 0.891 m to 0.412 m, also the lever arm for greater heeling angles. In figure 6 the lever arm curve with a corrected centre of gravity is presented. In this case MS ROSEBURG do not comply the applicable intact stability criteria.



Figure 6 Lever arm curve during the departure time with corrected centre of gravity

3.2 Arrival Condition according to Shipping Company

Furthermore the shipping company created an additional loading condition, which must describe the loading condition at arrival time in the Bay of Kiel. This document was ensured by an inspector at the office of the shipping company.

In comparison to the corrected on board document (departure condition, corrected) the information about the mass of the cargo load and the water ballast differ partly. The total mass of the timber cargo is 2555 t in this case, which is 323 t greater than the given value of the on board computer with 2232 t. Looking at the mass of the timber cargo in hold the values are practically equal. But the mass of the decks cargo is increased by 323 t in case of the information by the shipping company. Additionally the mass of the ballast water is reduced from previous 563 t (departure condition, corrected) to 250 t. Therefore the double bottom tanks are empty. Figure 7 shows the regarding lever arm curve. In this condition MS ROSEBURG has a significant reduced stability based on the additional weight on deck and the missing water ballast in the double bottom tanks.

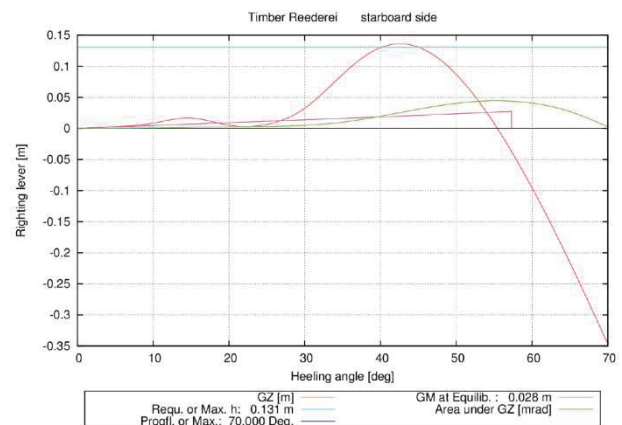


Figure 7 Lever arm curve according to shipping company

It has to be mentioned the draft with 4.90 m forward, 5.18 m aft and a mean draft of 5.04 m exceeds the limit of 4.95 m. Accordingly the vessel is formally overloaded. In this condition the intact stability criteria are not fulfilled. From this it is not clear, why the shipping company did not noticed that the stability condition is insufficient.

3.3 Consideration about the Cargo Plan

Due to the disagreement about the timber cargo (difference of 323 t) further documents and information are analysed to find the true loading condition during the voyage. In figure 8 the cargo plan of MS ROSEBURG can be found. From this it can be said that there are no deviations between the data of the on board computer and the cargo plan. The mass of the cargo on deck is also included in the mass of the cargo in hold which does not represent the centre of gravity correctly.

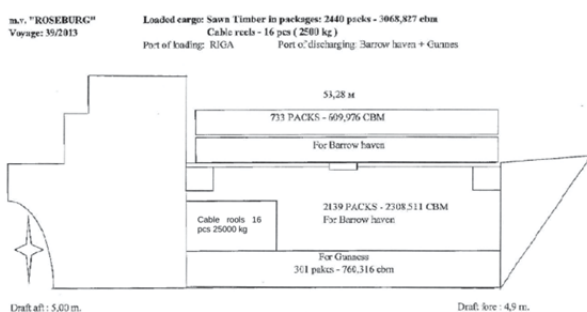


Figure 8 Cargo Plan

The company, which recovered the lost timber packages, specifies the cargo with 700 packages of timber. According to evidence up to 75 percent of the on deck cargo went overboard. Thereby the total number of timber packages on deck can be calculated with a result of at least 933 packages. The cargo plan gives a value of only 733 timber packages. Hence the information of the cargo plan and the printout of the on board computer are doubtful.

Furthermore timber packages with a mass of around 750 to 800 t were recovered from the water. Taking into account wet wood has a 1.7 times major mass density than dry wood, the loss of cargo is determined to 440 to 470 t. This corresponds to the loss of 75 percent deck cargo. Hence the cargo on deck is assumed to 587 to 626 t. The range of the calculated deck cargo fits to the given value by the shipping company.

But how is the difference of the deck cargo between the information of the on board

document and the shipping company explainable? Firstly, it was established that the loading condition at departure time does not include a mass of a deck cargo but a volume with 609 m³ of timber packages. Hence the assumption is made the mass of this cargo is considered in the value of the cargo in hold. However this hypothesis seems to be incorrect. Such a volume is approximately equivalent to a mass of 300 t which corresponds to the difference between the cargo plan and the information of the shipping company. From this and the above considerations it follows immediately that the printout of the on board computer does not include the mass of the deck cargo with the given volume of 609 m³.

3.4 Most Likely Loading Condition at Departure Time

Following from the previous considerations the cargo on deck was not correctly declared regarding the mass and the centre of gravity in the printout of the on board computer. Hence the loading condition at departure time is corrected in accordance to the previous investigations. This loading condition is considered to be the most likely loading condition at departure time in Riga. In figure 9 the corrected lever arm curve is presented.

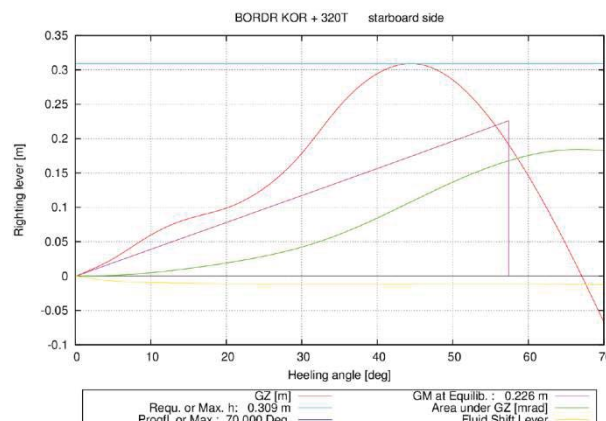


Figure 9 Lever arm curve at departure time in Riga with corrected centre of gravity and cargo load

The corrections take into account the centre of gravity of the timber cargo on deck and the missing mass. The additional deck cargo is estimated with 320 t. This value is calculated from the difference between the information s of the timber cargo from the on board computer and the shipping company. The centre of gravity is assumed with the value of the loading condition of comparison of the stability booklet.

In consideration of this the deadweight is determined to 3206 t in the loading condition on departure from Riga. Thus the maximum value of 3005 t is exceeded. Furthermore the intact stability criteria are not complied.

3.5 Summary of the Loading Condition during the Voyage

From the analysis of the documents and all information MS ROSEBURG is overloaded at departure. At this time it is not possible that some ballast water tanks were empty because that results in a stability condition according to the lever arm curve in figure 7 which is with high probability the accident condition. Based on the departure loading case the accident condition is produced by draining the ballast water tanks. Consequently it is most likely that the accident at the Bay of Kiel was a result of the intention to comply with the load lines because the maximum draft was checked before entering the Kiel Canal. Otherwise the accident would have happened much earlier during the voyage. In section 4 the assumption of the loading conditions is investigated in detail.

4. ANALYSIS OF THE ROLL MOTION AND THE HEELING MOMENTS

Following, dynamic investigations of the roll motion and the heeling moments are made for the validation of the stability condition at accident time. Furthermore it is

check whether the vessel could have achieved the Bay of Kiel in the most likely loading condition without any loss of cargo and further stability problems.

4.1 Accident Condition

At the accident time it is assumed that MS ROSEBURG has the stability condition according to the loading condition of the shipping company. In figure 7 the related lever arm is already presented. It shows the vessel has an equilibrium position at zero degree without a resulting moment. But small heeling moments result in a roll motion around the equilibrium position. Thereby there is a limit for the moment which has the effect that the vessel has the new equilibrium position of approximately 25 degree.

For the investigation the roll motion is calculated for defined heeling moments acting on the vessel in still water. The heeling moment M_{heel} is determined by the shift of the transverse centre of gravity dy_G which is incrementally increased. Thereby the calculation is made for the determination of the maximum roll angle φ_{max} the static angle of the equilibrium φ_{stat} and the maximum transverse acceleration a_y on deck during the roll motion. In table 3 the results are summarized.

dy_G [mm]	M_{heel} [mt]	φ_{max} [°]	φ_{stat} [°]	a_y [m/s ²]
1	4	9.5	3.8	1.6
2	8	10.7	5.1	1.8
3	12	12.1	5.9	2.0
4	16	13.6	6.6	2.2
5	20	15.4	7.0	2.5
6	24	19.0	7.8	3.2
7	28	28.2	8.4	4.5
8	32	29.5	9.0	5.0
9	36	30.4	9.8	5.1
10	40	31.1	25.5	5.3
11	44	31.8	25.8	5.5

Table 3 Results of the calculation of the roll motion for different heeling moments

The results correspond to the previous assumptions. Small heeling moments cause small static and maximum heeling angles and moderate accelerations in transverse direction. From a heeling moment of 28 mt (see table 3, printed in bold type) the ship reached a maximum heeling angle of 28 degree because the first stability level is passed. The equilibrium position is found at a heeling angle of 8.4 degree providing the cargo on deck does not slip. In figure 10 the roll angle is shown in time domain. The related maximum acceleration is 4.5 m/s².

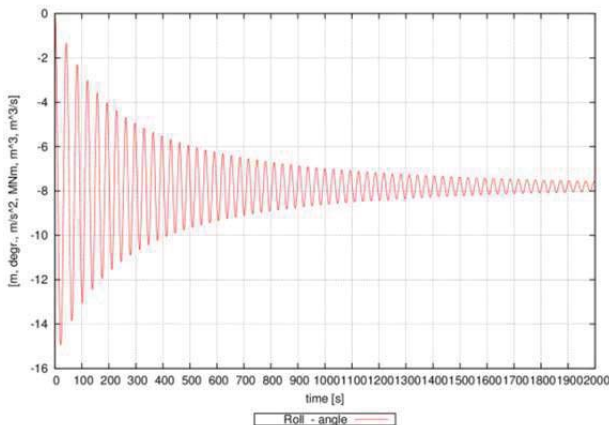


Figure 10 Roll angle for a heeling moment of 28 mt

In case of a heeling moment of 40 mt (see table 3, printed in bold type) the equilibrium position is at a heeling angle of 25 degree, but the transverse acceleration is slightly larger in comparison to the previous calculation. In figure 11 the heeling angle in time can be found. Hence it is assumed the lashings of the timber packages on deck fail not later than in case of a resulting acceleration of 4 to 5 m/s². But it is also possible the cargo securing breaks down earlier because from the described sequence of events leading to the accident the heeling angle is 10 to 15 degree caused by the gust of wind. With high probability it can be assumed that the acceleration of 4.5 m/s² is sufficient to trigger the failure of the load securing. Hence the

value is used for the following calculation in section 4.2.

According to the calculations the accident takes place in the assumed stability condition (loading condition of the shipping company) as a result of a heeling moment of 28 mt. Using equation 1 the wind speed can be calculated for a given heeling moment. The wind lateral area A_{lat} is determined with 600 m² and a wind lever z_w of 6.5 m. The density of air ρ_{air} is 1.226 kg/m³. Thereby the influence of waves and others is not taken into account.

$$M_{heel} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_{air} \cdot v_w^2 \cdot A_{lat} \cdot z_w \quad (1)$$

The assumed heeling moment of 28 mt corresponds to a wind speed of 10.7 m/s which is equivalent to 5.5 Beaufort. In addition the calculation is made for a heeling moment of 40 mt which is caused by a wind speed of 12.8 m/s or 6.0 Beaufort.

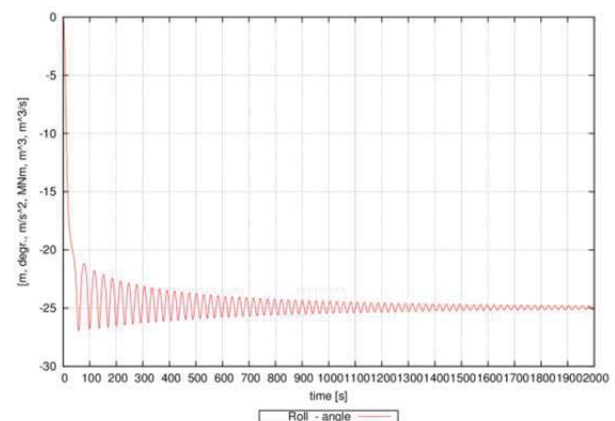


Figure 11 Roll angle for a heeling moment of 40 mt

The information about the weather condition is given by the German Weather service, which based on measurements and observations of surrounding stations. At the accident time the significant wave height is specified with 0.5 m and wind strength of 4 to 5 Beaufort, in gusts 6 to 7 Beaufort. Following it can be said the wind heeling moment caused the accident with a high probability of occurring.

The investigation confirms the accident progresses in this stability condition. Furthermore it is clear the voyage of MS ROSEBURG would not occur without a critical incident in this loading condition.

4.2 Most Likely Loading Condition at Departure Time

In addition the most likely loading condition at departure time has to be investigated to proof that the voyage would happen without a loss of cargo. Therefore a polar diagram is calculated which presents the significant wave height for the transverse acceleration of 4.5 m/s^2 in real sea condition. This acceleration is determined from the previous considerations which have to occur to cause the loss of the cargo on deck during the voyage. In figure 12 the polar diagram is exemplarily shown for a wave period of 7.5 s and 8.5 s. The sea condition is generated by a JONSWAP-spectrum.

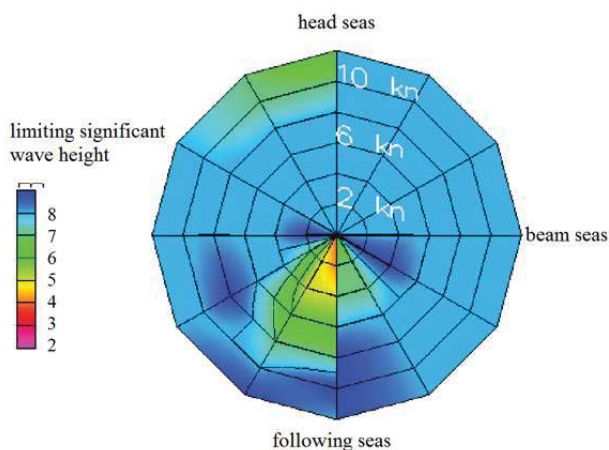


Figure 12 Polar diagram for a wave period of 7.5 s (left) and 8.5 s (right)

The significant wave height has to be not less than 5.0 m to cause a loss of cargo on deck. That is not occurred with high probability. The sea state and weather information confirm this assumption. Hence the vessel has started the voyage with ballast

water which corresponds to the reconstructed loading condition. Otherwise the accident would have happened during the voyage.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The paper presents the intact stability accident of MS ROSEBURG. Therefore the investigations are carried out based on the documents found by the competent authorities during the recovery of the lost cargo of the vessel, the description of the weather conditions and the given evidence.

MS ROSEBURG left the port of Riga with a sufficient stability but without the compliance of the established intact stability criteria. Also the permitted deadweight was exceeded caused by the timber load and additional ballast water to have a sufficient stability. The analysis of the roll motion in natural seaway shows the voyage could take place without a loss of cargo in this loading condition.

As a result of the presented investigation the ballast water was pumped out in the Bay of Kiel. Hence the maximum draft was complied, but the stability of the vessel was reduced significantly. Consequently a small gust of wind caused the accident of MS ROSEBURG.

Such an investigation of an intact stability accident shows that the existing intact stability criteria are sufficient. The compliance of the applicable regulations would have avoided this accident.

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ABSTRACT

This paper identifies the risk acceptance and cost-benefit criteria of various transport modes and industries, and compares them with those currently applied to the maritime industry.

The current maritime criteria are in general within the range of criteria used in other industries and transport modes, and in most cases in line with good practice elsewhere, so far as this can be determined. In the light of this, the paper considers whether there are any opportunities for improvements of the maritime criteria.

Keywords: *Risk Criteria, Cost-Benefit, Transport*

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper presents results from the third study commissioned by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) related to the damage stability of passenger ships. The study aims at further investigating the damage stability in a formal safety assessment (FSA) framework in order to cover the knowledge gaps that have been identified after the finalisation of the previous EMSA studies and the GOALDS project. Part of this study focussed on risk acceptance and cost-benefit criteria (DNV GL 2015), and that work is summarised in the present paper.

The objectives of this work were to identify the risk acceptance and cost-benefit criteria of various transport modes and industries, and to compare them with those currently applied to the maritime industry (IMO 2013).

The following transport modes and industries were reviewed:

- Aviation transport (EASA 2013, ICAO 2001, EUROCONTROL 2001, DfT 2007).
- Road transport (SafetyNet 2009a, 2009b, DoT 2013, ACDS 1991, Diernhofer et al 2010, PIARC 2012).
- Rail transport (European Commission 2012, RSSB 2009, LU 2012).
- Nuclear industry (ICRP 1997, EURATOM 1996).
- Onshore process (HSE 2001, BEVI 2004, Duijm 2009, HKPD 2011).
- Offshore oil & gas (ISO 2000).
- Healthcare (USEPA 2010).

The review concentrated on criteria for risks of fatalities, but it also covered criteria for risks of injuries and ill health.

2. DECISION-MAKING IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

When designing, managing or regulating ships, decisions sometimes have to be made about questions such as:

- Does the ship have adequate safety to be approved for operation?
- Are restrictions or other safety measures necessary to reduce its risks?
- How much risk reduction is required?
- What level of safety should be achieved by new rules?

To answer questions such as these, the decision-maker must decide when the ship or the maritime operation is safe enough, i.e. when the risks are so low that further safety measures are not necessary. Risk criteria are intended to guide this decision-making process in a systematic way.

In a quantitative risk assessment (QRA), risk criteria can be used to translate numerical risk estimates (e.g. 10^{-7} per year) into value judgements (e.g. “negligible risk”) which can be set against other value judgements (e.g. “beneficial transport of goods”) in a decision-making process, and presented to the public to justify a decision.

Risk criteria are also useful where risks are to be compared or ranked. Such comparisons are sometimes complicated by the multi-dimensional nature of risk, e.g. rare high-consequence accidents may be exchanged for more likely low-consequence ones. Risk criteria can help the ranking of such options.

Risk assessment is often a qualitative process, based on expert judgement. In this case, risk criteria may be qualitative standards that help decide whether further action is needed.

The risks of accidents on a ship are not the only consideration when making decisions about safety standards. Operational, economic, social, political and environmental factors may

be important too. As a result, decisions about safety levels on ships are complex judgements, which cannot be reduced to simple rules or criteria. Nevertheless, it is possible to provide guidance on some of the most critical risk issues, and this is what risk criteria attempt to do.

3. TERMINOLOGY

The term “risk criteria” is defined by ISO (2009) as “terms of reference against which the significance of a risk is evaluated”. Despite the existence of this standard term, different industries use varying terminology for this concept, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Terminology Equivalent to Risk Criteria in Different Industries

INDUSTRY	TERMINOLOGY
Aviation transport	Target level of safety
Road transport	Safety targets
Road transport of dangerous goods	Risk criteria
Rail transport	Risk acceptance criteria (RAC)
Nuclear industry	Dose limits
Onshore process industry	Risk criteria
Maritime industry	Risk evaluation criteria

The current guidelines on FSA (IMO 2013) define “risk evaluation criteria” as the term to describe “criteria used to evaluate the acceptability/tolerability of risk”. Despite this, the annex containing the criteria also uses the terms “risk criteria” and “risk acceptance criteria”. It might therefore be appropriate to follow ISO by standardising on the term “risk criteria”. However, the term “risk acceptance criteria” could be considered clearer for people unfamiliar with the ISO definition, and its abbreviation (RAC) is also useful.

It is generally considered impractical to divide risks simply into “acceptable” and

“unacceptable”. In reality, there is a spectrum, in which higher risks need more stringent control. Risk criteria therefore typically divide the risk spectrum into regions, each calling for different types of response and usually give qualitative terms to each. The different terms used by decision-makers can be sorted into the following groups:

Unacceptable/ Intolerable/ <i>De manifestis</i>	Highest risk
Tolerable/ Risk reduction desirable/ ALARP/ALARA	Intermediate risk
Acceptable/ Negligible/ <i>De minimis</i>	Lowest risk

In this paper, the terms within each group are treated as interchangeable.

4. TYPES OF RISK CRITERIA

Risks can be measured in many ways, and for every metric that can be used to describe a risk, there are corresponding risk criteria. In this paper the following types of risk criteria are distinguished:

- Risk matrix criteria – evaluating the regions on a matrix of accident frequency (or probability) and consequence (or severity) – e.g. Figure 1.

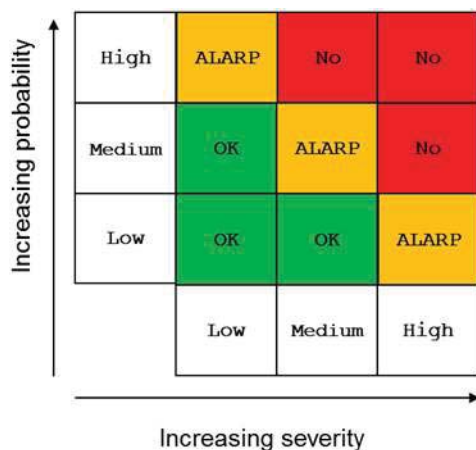


Figure 1 Example Risk Matrix Criteria

- Individual risk criteria – evaluating the risk of death to an individual – e.g. Figure 2.

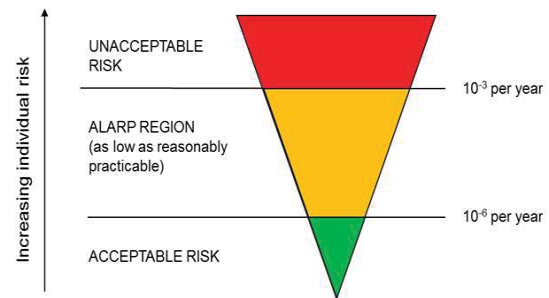


Figure 2 Example Individual Risk Criteria

- Societal risk criteria - evaluating the risk of death to the whole exposed population. These often apply to frequency-fatality (FN) curves – e.g. Figure 3.

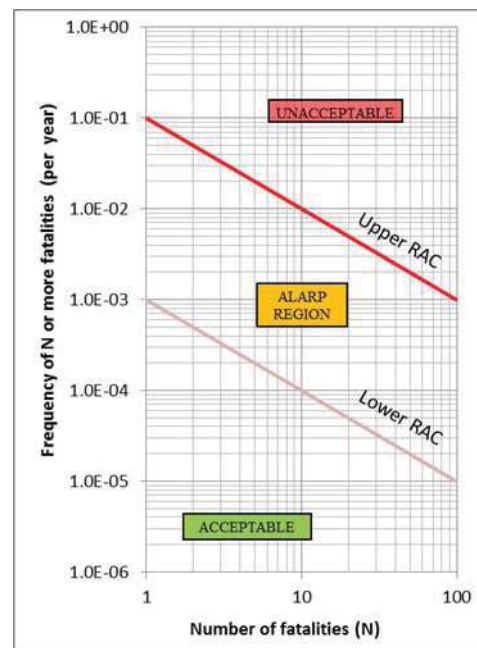


Figure 3 Example Societal Risk Criteria

- Cost-benefit criteria - evaluating the cost of risk reduction measures in a cost-benefit analysis (CBA). Although these do not evaluate the significance of risks directly, and hence are not strictly risk criteria at all, they do evaluate the need for risk reduction, and are closely connected to risk criteria.

Table 2. Application of Types of Risk Criteria in Different Industries

INDUSTRY	RISK MATRIX	INDIVIDUAL RISK	SOCIETAL RISK	ALARP/COST-BENEFIT
Aircraft design (EASA)	√			
Air Traffic Management (EUROCONTROL)		√		
Airports (UK)		√		
Road transport (EU MS)		√	√	√
Road transport of DG (ACDS)		√	√	√
Road transport of DG (Switzerland)			√	√
Road tunnels (Austria)		√		
Rail transport (ERA)		√	√	
Rail transport/LU (UK)		√	√	√
Nuclear (ICRP)		√		√
Onshore process (UK)		√		√
Onshore process (Netherlands)		√	√	√
Onshore process (Flanders)		√	√	
Onshore process (France)	√			√
Offshore (ISO)	√			
Healthcare				√
Maritime		√	√	√

Table 2 shows the metrics that are used for risk criteria in various transport modes and industries. Many industries make use of individual and societal risk criteria, and cost-benefit or qualitative criteria defining when risks are as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP). Risk matrix criteria are also widely used, but the table shows only those industries using them as their primary metric for decision-making on risk.

5. PRINCIPLES FOR RISK CRITERIA

Most risk criteria have developed through a process of expert judgement and political compromise. Nevertheless, it is worthwhile to consider the fundamental principles that could be used to develop and justify risk criteria.

The following principles have been suggested in different industries, but have been expressed here in a way that would be valid for any activity that involves risks of accidents:

1. Justification of activity – the risks of

the activity should be justified by its benefits (in terms of people transported, value of leisure activities, jobs etc) for the society as a whole.

2. Optimisation of protection – the risks should be minimised by appropriate safety measures, taking account of their benefits (in terms of risk reduction) and costs, and also of established good practice.

3. Equity – the risks should not be unduly concentrated on particular individuals or communities.

4. Aversion to catastrophes – the risks of major accidents (involving multiple-fatalities, high cost or widespread impacts) should be a small proportion of the total.

5. Proportionality – the detail in the risk assessment should be proportionate to the level of risk, and negligible risks should be exempted from detailed assessment.

6. Continuous improvement – overall risks should not increase, and preferably should reduce.

Table 3 indicates where these principles are applied in other transport modes and industries.

Table 3. Application of Principles for Risk Criteria in Different Industries

INDUSTRY	JUSTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY	OPTIMISATION OF PRO- TECTION	EQUITY	AVERSION TO CATAS- TROPHES	PROPOR- TIONALITY	CONTIN- UOUS IMPROVE- MENT
Aircraft design (EASA)				√		
ATM (EUROCONTROL)						√
Airports (UK)		√	√		√	
Road transport (EU MS)		√				√
Road transport (USA, Norway)		√				
Road transport of DG (ACDS)	√	√	√	√	√	
Road transport of DG (Switz)		√		√	√	
Road tunnels (Austria)		√		√	√	
Rail transport (ERA)			√			√
Rail transport (UK)		√	√			√
Nuclear (ICRP)	√	√	√			
Onshore process (UK)		√	√		√	
Onshore process (Netherlands)		√	√	√		
Onshore process (Flanders)			√	√		
Onshore process (France)		√		√	√	
Onshore process (HK)		√	√	√	√	
Offshore oil & gas		√	√			
Healthcare		√				
Maritime	√	√	√	√	√	

The current maritime criteria (IMO 2013) apply all the principles except continuous improvement. The only enhancement that might be considered, based on the principles used in other industries, might therefore be to include an element to ensure continuous improvement. This could, for example, consist of a requirement that fatality risks or total loss rates in the maritime fleet as a whole, or in the fleets of specific ship types, should decline at a rate no less than that achieved over the previous decade.

6. INDIVIDUAL RISK CRITERIA

Individual risk criteria are intended to ensure that individual people are not exposed to excessive risk. This implements the equity principle, giving all individuals the same protection. Individual risk criteria can also

define a negligible risk level, below which further risk reduction is not required. This implements the proportionality principle, allowing simpler assessment for smaller risks.

Individual risks are relatively easy to calculate in a risk analysis, and most approaches to risk criteria include limits on individual risks, so they are sometimes seen as the most important type of risk criteria. However, modern risk assessment practice is typically to use individual risk criteria as outer limits on a process that tries to make the risks ALARP, and therefore cost-benefit criteria (or qualitative equivalents) are usually more important. Furthermore, experience suggests that most ships would comply with standard individual risk criteria. However, individual risk criteria are still important when demonstrating to the public, who may distrust cost-benefit calculations, that acceptable safety levels have been achieved.

Table 4. Individual Risk Criteria in Different Industries

INDUSTRY	MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL RISK (per year)	NEGLIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL RISK (per year)
Airports (UK)	10^{-4} (public)	10^{-5}
Road transport of DG (ACDS)	10^{-3} (workers), 10^{-4} (public)	10^{-6}
Rail transport (ERA)	Various FWSI per pass km	-
Rail transport (UK)	1.038 FWI per 10^8 pass km	-
London Underground	10^{-3} (workers), 10^{-4} (public)	10^{-6}
Nuclear (ICRP)	10^{-3} (workers), 10^{-4} (public)	-
Onshore process (UK)	10^{-3} (workers), 10^{-4} (public)	10^{-6}
Onshore process (Netherlands)	10^{-6} (public LSIR)	-
Onshore process (Flanders)	10^{-5} (public LSIR)	10^{-7}
Onshore process (HK)	10^{-5} (public LSIR)	-
Offshore oil & gas (UK)	10^{-3} (workers)	
Maritime	10^{-3} (crew), 10^{-4} (passengers)	10^{-6}

Table 4 shows the individual risk criteria that are in use in other transport modes and industries. In the UK the individual risk criteria from HSE (2001) are used in all industries, and these are also used in the maritime industry criteria. When the values of the criteria are different, this partly reflects the different approaches to ALARP in the national legal systems. In the rail industry, individual risk criteria are expressed as fatalities and weighted serious injuries (FWSI) per passenger km, which cannot be compared to the other metrics

7. SOCIETAL RISK CRITERIA

Societal risk criteria are intended to limit the risks from the ship to the society as a whole, and to local communities who may be affected by it. One purpose is to implement the equity principle, giving all communities the same protection. Societal risk criteria can also define a negligible risk level, below which further risk reduction is not required. This implements the proportionality principle, allowing simpler assessment for smaller risks. Societal risk criteria expressed as FN curves can also implement the principle of aversion to catastrophes.

Societal risk criteria are particularly important for transport activities, which spread their risks over a constantly changing population of passengers and people near to their ports. Compared to fixed installations, this tends to produce relatively high societal risks despite relatively low individual risks.

Societal risk criteria are also important where there is potential for catastrophic accidents. These are a particular concern for passenger ships and liquefied gas carriers, which have the potential to affect large numbers of people in a single accident, although the likelihood is very low.

Table 5 shows the societal risk criteria that are in use in other transport modes and industries. It shows both the maximum and negligible criteria for FN curves, and the applicable range of fatalities (N). Some of the criteria depend on tunnel or road length (L) in km. The table also shows fatality rate criteria where used.

Despite their attractiveness, there are many theoretical and practical challenges in understanding and using FN criteria, especially when comparing activities with different societal benefits (such as ships whose size or cargo is much larger than average).

Table 5. Societal Risk Criteria in Different Industries

INDUSTRY	RANGE	MAXIMUM FN (per year)	NEGLIGIBLE FN (per year)	FATALITY RATE (per year)
Road transport of DG (ACDS)	≥ 1	$0.1/N$	$10^{-4}/N$	-
Road transport of DG (NL)	≥ 10	$10^{-2}L/N^2$	-	-
Road tunnels (Austria)	≥ 10	-	$0.1L^{0.5}/N^2$	10^{-3} per tunnel year
Road tunnels (Czech Republic)	1 - 1000	$0.1/N$	$10^{-4}/N$	-
Road tunnels (Denmark)	≥ 1	$0.4/N^2$	$0.004/N^2$	-
Road tunnels (France)	-	-	-	10^{-3} per tunnel year
Road tunnels (Germany)	10 - 1000	-	$0.01L/N^2$	6.2×10^{-3} per tunnel km per year
Road tunnels (Italy)	≥ 1	$0.1/N$	$10^{-3}/N$	-
Rail transport (ERA)	-	-	-	Value per train km for each MS
Rail transport (UK)	-	-	-	1.9×10^{-7} per train km
Onshore process (Netherlands)	≥ 10	$10^{-3}/N^2$	-	-
Onshore process (Flanders)	10 - 1000	$10^{-2}/N^2$	-	-
Onshore process (HK)	1 - 1000	$10^{-3}/N$	$10^{-5}/N$	-
Maritime (tanker)	≥ 1	$0.02/N$	$2 \times 10^{-4}/N$	
Maritime (dry cargo)	≥ 1	$0.01/N$	$10^{-4}/N$	
Maritime (passenger ro/ro)	≥ 1	$0.1/N$	$0.001/N$	

As a result, there are at present no widely accepted societal risk criteria, and FN criteria that have been developed are often not used in practice, or are treated as guidelines that indicate where risk reduction might be cost-effective. Because cost-benefit criteria make use of integrated measures of fatality risk, some authorities consider these automatically take account of quantifiable societal risks. Societal concerns, including concern about catastrophe risks, are better addressed through qualitative decision making rather than embedded in the risk criteria.

The current maritime criteria are unusual in having a consistent methodology to take account of societal benefit (Norway 2000). They may therefore be considered more advanced than the criteria in other industries. Nevertheless, given the difficulties with societal risk criteria, it is recommended that they are treated as guidelines rather than rigid rules. If exceeded, they indicate opportunities

for risk reduction, and should not be considered to demonstrate that risks are unacceptable.

8. COST-BENEFIT CRITERIA

Cost-benefit criteria define the point at which the benefits of a risk reduction measure just outweigh its costs. This implements the principle of optimisation of protection. By systematically evaluating a range of measures, it is possible to show whether the risks are ALARP.

One of the most important issues in a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of safety measures is the value assigned to reductions in fatality risks. The critical parameter is the “value of preventing a fatality” (VPF). It should be emphasised that this does not refer to any individual fatality, but to a small change in risk to many lives, equivalent to a single statistical fatality. The VPF is an input to the CBA, but it

is often very critical to the evaluation of safety measures.

Several types of cost-benefit criteria are in use:

- Cost of averting a fatality (CAF) - the cost of a measure divided by the expected number of fatalities averted. A measure is normally recommended if its CAF is less the VPF. Hence the VPF can be seen as a type of cost-benefit criterion.
- Cost per quality-adjusted life year (QALY) - the cost of a measure divided by the life-years saved, standardised to equivalent years of healthy life. This is similar to the VPF but refers to health risks.
- Net present value (NPV) - the difference between the discounted benefits and the discounted costs of a measure. A measure is normally recommended if its NPV is positive.
- Benefit/cost ratio (BCR) - the discounted benefits of a measure divided by the discounted costs. A measure is normally recommended if its BCR is greater than 1.
- Internal rate of return (IRR) - the discount rate that makes the discounted benefits of a measure equal to the discounted costs, and hence would make its NPV equal to zero. A measure is recommended if its IRR is greater than the usual discount rate.

The VPF can be set through techniques such as:

- Human capital approaches. These estimate the VPF in terms of the future economic output that is lost when a person is killed.
- Willingness to pay (WTP) approaches. These estimate the amount that people in society would be prepared to pay to avoid a statistical fatality.
- Life quality approaches. These are based on social indicators of quality of life that reflect life expectancy and gross domestic product (GDP). By relating the costs of a measure to the GDP and the risk benefits to life expectancy, it is possible to identify the point at which further safety measures

have a negative overall impact on the quality of life.

Table 6 shows the cost-benefit criteria that are in use in other transport modes and industries. Some industries do not use CBA at all. Some countries, notably the UK, have standardised on VPFs across all industries and transport modes. Others vary because of differences in national income and the VPF setting technique used.

The VPF of \$3m in the maritime criteria (IMO 2013) was derived from 1998 statistics. New calculations in the present study (DNV GL 2015) indicate an appropriate VPF would be approximately \$7m. This uses the life quality approach, based on 2012 GDP data and updated life expectancies and fractions of time in economic activity, with the results averaged over all OECD members.

The maritime criteria are unique in taking account of injuries by adjusting the criterion for studies that do not model injury costs explicitly. It would be clearer to value injury risks separately following approaches in the road and nuclear industries. For sensitivity tests, a range of VPF from \$4m to \$8m is considered appropriate.

The maritime criteria are also unique in distinguishing gross and net costs of averting a fatality (GCAF and NCAF). The need for this arises because decisions on risk reduction measures can sometimes be sensitive to the inclusion of non-fatality economic benefits. The two separate criteria make clear whether this is so, but because both are compared to the same criterion, GCAF appears redundant since NCAF is always lower. However, GCAF is simpler to calculate, and NCAF sometimes becomes negative, which has no clear meaning. The distinction is logical but somewhat confusing. Other industries address this issue by using the criterion of NPV instead, and it may be possible to do the same in future developments of the maritime criteria.

Table 6. Cost-Benefit Criteria in Different Industries

INDUSTRY	CRITERIA USED	VPF (Original units)	VPF (\$m 2012)
Airports (UK)	Qualitative	-	-
Road transport (EU MS)	NPV, BCR and IRR	€0.056 to 2.1m	\$0.1m to \$4.3m
Road transport (UK)	NPV, BCR	£1.7m	\$2.8m
Road transport (USA)	NPV	\$9.1m	\$9.1m
Road transport (Norway)	NPV	NOK26.5m	\$4.5m
Road transport of DG (ACDS)	CAF	£2m	\$5.3m
Road tunnels (Austria and others)	Qualitative	-	-
Rail transport (UK)	NPV	£1.7m	\$2.8m
London Underground	Qualitative	-	-
Nuclear (UK)	NPV	£1.7m	\$2.8m
Onshore process (UK)	Qualitative	-	-
Onshore process (Netherlands)	Qualitative	-	-
Onshore process (France/HK)	Qualitative	-	-
Offshore oil & gas	CAF	Various	Various
Healthcare (USA)	NPV	\$7.4m	\$7.4m
Healthcare (WHO/UK/Spain)	Cost per QALY	-	-
Maritime	GCAF and NCAF	\$3m	\$4m to \$8m

9. CONCLUSIONS

The overall conclusion from the review of risk criteria used in different industries and transport modes is that each application differs in terms of the types of criteria used, the principles for their development, and the specific values adopted. In some countries, the same approaches are used in different industries and transport modes, but overall the pattern is one of difference rather than commonality.

The current maritime criteria are in general within the range of criteria used in other industries and transport modes, and in most cases are in line with good practice elsewhere, so far as this can be determined. Only a few minor improvements have been suggested.

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Probabilistic Assessment of Survivability in Case of Grounding: Development and Testing of a Direct Non-Zonal Approach

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the results of ongoing research efforts aimed at the theoretical development and practical implementation of a probabilistic framework for regulatory assessment of ship survivability following grounding accidents, with particular attention to passenger vessels. In the envisioned framework, the probabilities of flooding of a compartment, or a group of compartments, i.e. the so-called “p-factors”, are determined using a flexible and easily updatable direct non-zonal approach. The assessment of the conditional ship survivability, on the other hand, is based on the SOLAS “s-factor”. The general framework is described, together with implementation details in the specific case of bottom grounding. Testing results, carried out using a specifically developed software tool, are also reported.

Keywords: *ship stability; grounding; p-factors; non-zonal approach; bottom damage*

1. INTRODUCTION

Past and more recent accidents have shown that grounding can potentially have catastrophic consequences. This is particularly true when speaking of passenger vessels, for which the risk to be accounted for is the potential loss of lives. Express Samina in 2000, Sea Diamond in 2007, Princess of the Stars in 2008 and Costa Concordia in 2012, are some examples of such accidents.

From a regulatory point of view, present SOLAS damage stability regulations for passenger and (dry) cargo vessels (IMO, 2014a) address ship survivability following a flooding due to collision in a probabilistic framework, with some additional deterministic requirement on top of the basic probabilistic

ones. The underlying distributions of damage characteristics were originally developed in the framework of the EU-funded HARDER project (Lützen, 2002), and have then been adapted as a result of discussion at IMO (IMO, 2003a,b, 2004a, 2005).

On the other hand, SOLAS regulations for passenger and cargo ships do not specifically address the case of grounding damages within the probabilistic framework. Safety with respect to bottom grounding is instead addressed deterministically through Chapter II-1 - Regulation 9 “Double bottoms in passenger ships and cargo ships other than tankers”. Regulation 9 (IMO, 2014a), which was developed using historical data of grounding damages (IMO, 2004b), sets minimum double bottom requirements and specifies

deterministic bottom grounding damage characteristics to be used for survivability assessment in case of vessels with unusual bottom arrangements. An analysis of the effectiveness of the deterministic requirements in Reg.9 in light of the statistics of grounding damage characteristics collected in the GOALDS project can be found in (IMO, 2012; Papanikolaou et al., 2011).

It should also be reminded that SOLAS Reg.9 only deals with grounding damages assumed to penetrate the vessel vertically, from the ship bottom (i.e. bottom grounding damages). However, as both historical data and more recent accidents show, grounding damages can also result in breaches on the side of the vessel, extending partially or totally above the double bottom. Side damages can also be the result of the contact with fixed or floating objects. However, such type of damages is presently not considered by Reg.9.

Therefore, a lack of harmonization exists in present SOLAS regulations, between the applied probabilistic framework for collision-related survivability, and the applied deterministic framework for bottom grounding-related survivability. Such situation could benefit from a harmonization towards a fully probabilistic framework for both collision and grounding damages. Indeed, with particular reference to stability-related regulations, the present evolution of knowledge and practice regarding rule-development, taking into account risk-assessment, indicates that the more rational way to address the problem of survivability following an accident is by trying to develop a regulatory framework based on probabilistic concepts. Probabilistic frameworks, in addition of being more strictly related with reality, also allow more design flexibility, which, instead, is in some cases impaired by deterministic prescriptions. Moreover, in the grounding framework, it would also be necessary to introduce damages occurring on the side of the vessel, in addition to bottom damages.

In order to develop a probabilistic framework for survivability assessment in damaged condition, two elements are needed. Firstly, it is necessary to specify an appropriate geometrical and probabilistic model for the damage shape, position and extent. Secondly, it is necessary to have at disposal a means for assessing the conditional ship survivability following a damage. With a view towards a harmonization with existing SOLAS damage stability regulations dealing with collision accidents, these two elements can be used to determine, respectively, the so-called “p-factors” (i.e. the probability of flooding a compartment, or group of compartments) and the consequent “s-factors”.

In present SOLAS regulations, “p-factors” for collision damages can be calculated by means of analytical formulae which have been derived starting from the underlying distributions of damage characteristics (Lützen, 2002). Following the “zonification” process, such formulae are applied to ships having compartments of generic shape. However, this is just an approximation, and the formulae are strictly valid only for box-shaped vessels having box-shaped compartments.

Studies carried out within the GOALDS project (Bulian & Francescutto, 2010) indicated that, in case of bottom grounding, the development of analytical, or semi-analytical, “p-factors”, although it was technically possible, would have been hardly applicable to realistic ships and subdivision layouts. To overcome this difficulty, it was therefore suggested to address the determination of “p-factors” using a direct approach, based Monte Carlo generation of breaches, starting from the underlying probabilistic model.

In the past, a direct approach for the determination of “p-factors”, in case of collision damages, was also explored by Koelman (2005). In this study, a methodology based on direct deterministic integration of the underlying probability density functions of damage characteristics was used. Moreover, a

direct, non-analytical determination of the probability of flooding of (group of) compartments, starting from the underlying distributions of damage characteristics, is implicit in the alternative assessment of accidental oil outflow performance or of double hull and double bottom requirements within MARPOL (IMO, 2003c, 2014b). For MARPOL oil outflow assessment, a direct approach of the Monte Carlo type was used by Kehren, & Krüger (2007) for the determination of the probabilities of damaging a compartment (or group of compartments) following bottom damages. Furthermore, Kehren, & Krüger (2007) also correctly pointed out that the same philosophy could have been used also for survivability assessment.

It is therefore the scope of this paper to present the results of ongoing research efforts aimed at the theoretical development and practical implementation of a probabilistic framework for regulatory assessment of ship survivability following grounding accidents, with particular attention to the case of passenger vessels. In the envisioned framework, “p-factors” are determined using a flexible and easily updatable direct non-zonal approach, while the assessment of the conditional ship survivability is based on the SOLAS “s-factor”. In the following, the general framework is described. Although the framework has been developed for both bottom and side grounding damages, and it could be extended to collision damages (and also to, e.g., accidental oil outflow performance), herein implementation details are given only for the specific case of bottom grounding. An example testing application, carried out using a specifically developed software tool, is also reported.

2. OUTLINE OF THE APPROACH

Scope of the assessment is to determine an attained subdivision index, which is meant to be representative of the survivability of the vessel following a bottom grounding accident

leading to hull breach. Furthermore, in order to allow a possible harmonization with existing regulations, the approach is designed to be formally in line with present SOLAS probabilistic assessment of survivability following a collision accident (hereinafter, briefly, SOLAS2009).

Considering bottom grounding damages, an attained subdivision index $A_{GR,B}$ is defined in line with SOLAS2009, considering three calculation draughts d_s (deepest subdivision draught), d_p (partial subdivision draught) and d_l (light service draught), as follows:

$$A_{GR,B} = 0.4A_{GR,B,s} + 0.4A_{GR,B,p} + 0.2A_{GR,B,l} \quad (1)$$

Each partial index is given by the summation of contributions from all damage cases taken into consideration:

$$A_{GR,B,c} = \sum_{i_c} p_{i_c} \cdot s_{i_c} \quad \text{with } c = s, p, l \quad (2)$$

where i_c represents each compartment or group of compartments under consideration, p_{i_c} accounts for the probability that only the compartment or group of compartments under consideration may be flooded, and s_{i_c} accounts for the probability of survival after flooding the compartment or group of compartments under consideration.

In the considered methodology, the “s-factors” are assumed to be determined in accordance with the GZ-based methodology in SOLAS2009. On the other hand, factors p_{i_c} are determined by means of a direct, non-zonal approach. In this approach, on the basis of the probabilistic model for the damage characteristics, a sufficiently large number of breaches, each one with an associated probability of occurrence, are generated by a Monte Carlo procedure. For each breach, the corresponding compartments which become open to the sea are identified. Then, all

breaches leading to the flooding of the same compartment, or group of compartments, are grouped into what are commonly referred to as “damage cases”, and the probability contributions of each breach in each “damage case” are summed up to obtain estimates of p_{ic} . “Non-contact cases” are disregarded and the remaining “p-factors” are renormalized in such a way that they sum up to unity. This renormalization is assumed to be acceptable as long as the fraction of generated non-contact breaches is small enough, which is achievable by a careful definition of the probabilistic model of the considered damage (Bulian & Francescutto, 2012).

It is to be noted that the described direct procedure leads to an automatic determination of damage cases. Also, this fully automatic procedure does not need the preliminary “zonification” process, which is instead required when using analytical “p-factors”, as in case of SOLAS2009. For such reason, this procedure can be referred to as “non-zonal”. Furthermore, this procedure does not have any limitation regarding the actual shape of the compartments. Since the outcome from this procedure is affected by sampling uncertainty, the number of generated breaches must be large enough to achieve an acceptable convergence of the attained subdivision index. The general logic of the proposed direct non-zonal approach is shown in Figure 1.

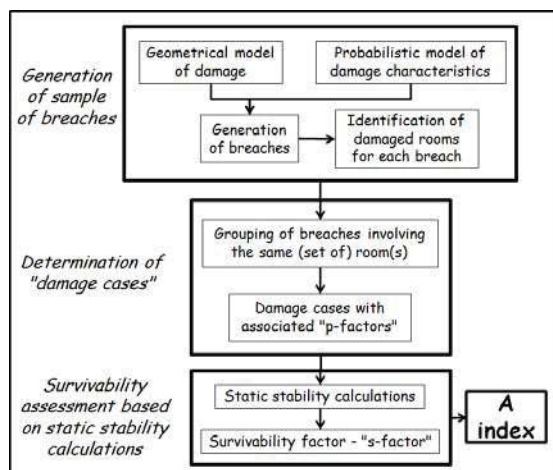


Figure 1: General logic of the proposed direct non-zonal approach for damaged ship survivability assessment.

It should be highlighted that the proposed approach is a simplified one, intended to be in line with the SOLAS2009 framework. In particular, the approach is simplified in terms of survivability assessment (“s-factors”), which is assumed to be performed on the basis of a GZ-based static stability assessment. In case survivability is to be assessed by means of more advanced tools, such as time domain dynamic flooding simulations, then a survivability assessment should be carried out for each individual breach, and grouping in terms of “damage cases” is no longer possible. This latter approach, which was followed in the past by, e.g., Vassalos et al. (2008) (for grounding and collision) and by Spanos & Papanikolaou (2014) (for collision), is, however, much more time consuming, and more challenging to be applied in a regulatory framework. Furthermore, in case of dynamic flooding simulations, probabilistic models of damage characteristics which are specifically intended for such purpose should be used.

It is also worth noticing that, for consistency with SOLAS2009, the attained subdivision index in (1), which is then expected to be compared with a properly defined required subdivision index R , has been defined using three draughts. However, specifying requirements of the type $A \geq R$, provided separately for each draught, would allow removing the well-known arbitrariness in the identification of the limiting GM curve. Indeed, specifying requirements of the type $A \geq R$ for each draught, would lead to a unique identification of the limiting GM for each ship draught.

In principle, different “p-factors” should be calculated for each of the three draughts (subdivision, partial and lightest draught). However, since the generation of the damage cases might be quite time consuming, particularly in case a very large number of hull breaches is to be generated, it was decided at this stage to generate the damage cases and calculate the corresponding “p-factors” only for the deepest subdivision draught d_s , and use the

same “p-factors” and damage cases also for the partial subdivision draught d_p and the light service draught d_l . The methodology, however, can also be applied, without any problem, by considering draught dependent “p-factors”.

3. GEOMETRICAL CHARACTERISATION OF DAMAGE

In order to apply the described direct non-zonal approach, it is first necessary to provide a clearly defined, unambiguous geometrical model for the type of damage to be considered. Herein, bottom damages, i.e. damages penetrating the bottom of the vessel in vertical direction, are considered. Such type of damages is conventionally referred to as “type B00”. A sketch of this type of damages is shown in Figure 2, while a detailed representation of the damage geometry, and defining parameters, is shown in Figure 3. In Figure 3 and in the following, the ship-fixed coordinate system is assumed to be right handed.

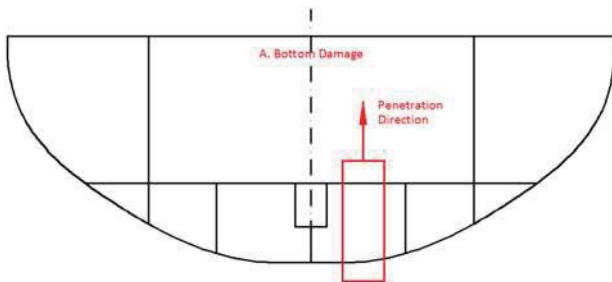


Figure 2: Sketch of bottom damage.

The damage is assumed to be box-shaped. Moreover, the damage is assumed to be a “potential damage”, i.e. a damage which can also partially extend, in some cases, outside the vessel. There are some main reasons for the selection of a box as shape of the damage. The first reason is that significantly more complex modelling could not have been supported by the limited available information from accidents. Then, a box-shaped damage has favourable geometrical characteristics from the computational perspective. Finally, a box-shaped damage is more conservative, from the

point of view of stability assessment, compared with other possible typical choices, such as, e.g. triangular or parabolic penetrations. With reference to Figure 3, the defining parameters for a damage of type B00 are:

- Longitudinal position of forward end of damage: X_F [m];
- Transversal dimensionless position of centre of measured damage: $\eta_{dam} = Y_{dam} / b(X_F, z^*)$ [-];
- Longitudinal extent of potential damage, i.e. potential damage length: $L_{x,p}$ [m];
- Transversal extent of potential damage, i.e. potential damage width: $L_{y,p}$ [m];
- Vertical extent of potential damage, i.e. potential damage penetration: $L_{z,p}$ [m];
- Vertical position to be used for the transversal positioning of damage: z^* [m];

In the definition of η_{dam} , the quantity Y_{dam} [m] is the dimensional transversal position of the centre of the measured damage (not to be confused with the transversal position of the centre of potential damage, $Y_{dam,p}$ [m]). The quantity $b(X_F, z^*)$ [m] is the breadth of the vessel at a longitudinal position corresponding to the forward end of damage, X_F , and vertical position z^* . For the positioning of the damage, given the characterising variables, it is necessary that the software tool is able to determine the intersection between the section at X_F and a waterplane at $z = z^*$. Defining $y_{SB}(X_F, z^*)$ and $y_{PS}(X_F, z^*)$ as, respectively, the coordinates of the starboard and portside limits of $b(X_F, z^*)$, the quantity Y_{dam} is determined as:

$$\begin{cases} Y_{dam} = y_c(X_F, z^*) + \eta_{dam} \cdot b(X_F, z^*) \\ y_c(X_F, z^*) = \frac{y_{PS}(X_F, z^*) + y_{SB}(X_F, z^*)}{2} \\ b(X_F, z^*) = y_{PS}(X_F, z^*) - y_{SB}(X_F, z^*) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

On the other hand, the quantity $Y_{dam,p}$ is defined as:

$$\begin{cases} Y_{dam,p} = Y_{dam} + \\ + \frac{\text{sign}(\delta)}{2} \cdot \max\{(L_{y,p} - L_{y,lim}) ; 0\} \\ \text{where} \\ \delta = Y_{dam} - y_c(X_F, z^*) \\ L_{y,lim} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot (y_{PS}(X_F, z^*) - Y_{dam}) ; \\ 2 \cdot (Y_{dam} - y_{SB}(X_F, z^*)) \end{array} \right\} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Note: $\text{sign}(\delta < 0) = -1$; $\text{sign}(\delta = 0) = 0$;
 $\text{sign}(\delta > 0) = 1$

If an intersection with the hull at $x = X_F$ and $z = z^*$ is not obtained, as could happen, for instance, for X_F in the very forward or very aft part of the vessel, and for small values of z^* , then $y_{SB}(X_F, z^*)$ and $y_{PS}(X_F, z^*)$ are to be set equal to 0. In case multiple intersections are found, then $y_{PS}(X_F, z^*)$ is set as the maximum y-coordinate among the intersections, and $y_{SB}(X_F, z^*)$ is set as the minimum y-coordinate among the intersections, in such a way that $b(X_F, z^*)$ represents the maximum breadth at $x = X_F$ and $z = z^*$.

The above mentioned geometrical characterisation (in particular the transversal positioning of the damage) has been devised with the intention of reducing the occurrence of “non-contact damages”, i.e. generated damages which, eventually, do not get in contact with the hull of the vessel.

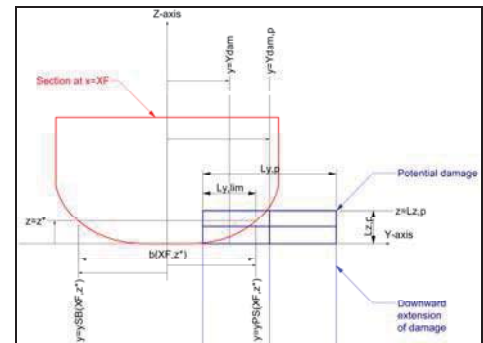
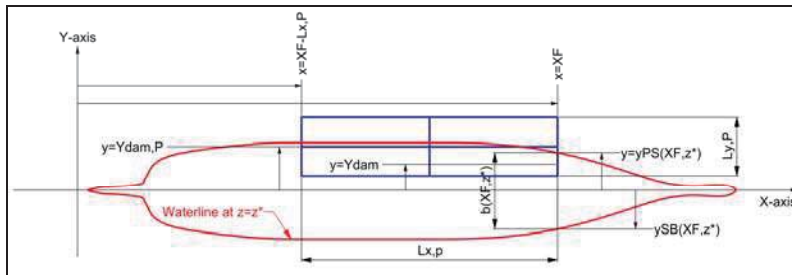


Figure 3: Geometrical parameters characterising bottom damages (type B00).

4. PROBABILISTIC MODEL OF DAMAGE CHARACTERISTICS

In order to develop a probabilistic model for the damage, it is necessary to introduce a probabilistic characterisation for the variables,

described in the previous section, which are used to specify the generic breach.

The primary interest of this study is to provide a methodology suitable, in particular, for the survivability assessment of passenger vessels. To this end, herein reference is made to the distribution of bottom damage characteristics as determined in the GOALDS

project for the category of non-full vessels (Bulian & Francescutto, 2011; Papanikolaou et al., 2011). Such distributions have been derived from the analysis of the GOALDS database of grounding damage characteristics. It is to be noted that, in case of accidents resulting in multiple breaches, as it is common in case of grounding, the damage characteristics as analysed in GOALDS refer to an “equivalent damage” (Papanikolaou et al., 2011; IMO, 2012). An “equivalent damage” is a single box-shaped breach which is meant to represent, only for the purpose of static stability calculations, the region of the vessel actually damaged by multiple breaches.

The considered distributions are reported analytically in Table 1-Table 5. Graphical representations of the corresponding cumulative distributions are reported in Figure 4- Figure 8. Damages are assumed to be generated such that the forward end of the damage, X_F , is distributed between X_{MIN} and $X_{MAX} = X_{MIN} + L_{ship}$. For application to real vessels, and in order to reduce the fraction of non-contact cases, it is suggested, at this stage, to set X_{MIN} and X_{MAX} at the extremities of the freeboard length of the vessel as specified by the International Convention on Load Lines (IMO, 2014c). For simplicity of notation, in specifying the distribution for X_F (see Table 1), it is assumed that $X_{MIN} = 0$. In addition, for simplicity of notation, in specifying the distribution for the damage penetration (see Table 5), the vertical position of the ship bottom is assumed to be at $z_{bottom} = 0$. It is also noted that, while in GOALDS the distribution of Y_{dam} (see Table 2) was assumed to be uniform in $[-B/2, B/2]$ (with B the ship breadth), herein the ship breadth B is substituted by the local ship breadth $b(X_F, z^*)$, and Y_{dam} is assumed to be uniformly distributed, according to the local breadth, in $[-b(X_F, z^*)/2, b(X_F, z^*)/2]$. Moreover, in the actual generation of the damages, the vertical position for the transversal positioning of damage, i.e. z^* , is assumed to coincide with the top of the potential damage box, i.e. $z^* = z_{bottom} + L_{z,p}$.

All damage characteristics are assumed to be independent random variables. In the framework of a regulatory assessment this is considered to be an acceptable approximation, although it can lead, with low probability, to the occurrence of damage boxes with high aspect ratios. It is however easy to introduce limitations in this respect, if deemed necessary.

Table 1: Distribution of dimensionless longitudinal position of forward end of damage.

Dimensionless longitudinal position of forward end of damage $\xi_{F,dam} = X_F / L_{ship}$, $\xi_{F,dam} \in [0,1]$	
$CDF(x)$	$\alpha_1 \cdot x + (1 - \alpha_1) \cdot x^{\alpha_2}$
$PDF(x)$	$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot (1 - \alpha_1) \cdot x^{(\alpha_2 - 1)}$
α_1	0.325
α_2	3.104
Note: here X_F is intended to be measured starting with $X_F = 0$ at X_{MIN} , and $L_{ship} = X_{MAX} - X_{MIN}$.	

Table 2: Distribution of dimensionless transversal position of centre of measured damage.

Dimensionless transversal position of centre of measured damage $\eta_{dam} = Y_{dam} / b(X_F, z^*)$, $\eta_{dam} \in [-0.5, 0.5]$	
$CDF(x)$	$x + 0.5$
$PDF(x)$	1
Note: ship centreplane is assumed to be at $y = 0$	

Table 3: Distribution of dimensionless longitudinal extent of potential damage (potential damage length).

Dimensionless potential damage length $\lambda_{x,p} = L_{x,p} / L_{ship}$, $\lambda_{x,p} \in [0,1]$	
$CDF(x)$	$\frac{\alpha_1 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_2 \cdot x}{x + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1)}$
$PDF(x)$	$\frac{\alpha_1 \cdot x^2 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1) \cdot (2 \cdot \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2)}{[x + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1)]^2}$
α_1	0.231
α_2	0.845

Table 4: Distribution of dimensionless transversal extent of potential damage (potential damage width).

Dimensionless potential damage width $\lambda_{y,p} = L_{y,p} / B$, $\lambda_{y,p} \in [0,1]$	
$CDF(x)$	$\frac{\alpha_1 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_2 \cdot x}{x + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1)}$
$PDF(x)$	$\frac{\alpha_1 \cdot x^2 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1) \cdot (2 \cdot \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2)}{[x + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1)]^2}$
α_1	0.110
α_2	0.926

Table 5: Distribution of dimensional vertical extent of potential damage (potential damage penetration), measured from baseline. Ship-size-dependent model.

Dimensional potential damage penetration $L_{z,p}$ [m] , $L_{z,p} \in [0, L_{z,p,max}]$	
$CDF(x)$	$\frac{\alpha_1 \cdot x}{x + L_{z,p,max} \cdot (\alpha_1 - 1)}$
$PDF(x)$	$\frac{L_{z,p,max} \cdot \alpha_1 \cdot (\alpha_1 - 1)}{[x + L_{z,p,max} \cdot (\alpha_1 - 1)]^2}$
Parameters	$\alpha_1 = 1.170$; $\alpha_B = 0.636$; $k_{MB} = 0.503$; $L_{z,p,max}(B) = \min\{k_{MB} \cdot B^{\alpha_B}, T\}$ with B in [m]
Note: this is the distribution of the damage penetration measured from the bottom, fixing the vertical position of the bottom, conventionally, at $z_{bottom} = 0$	

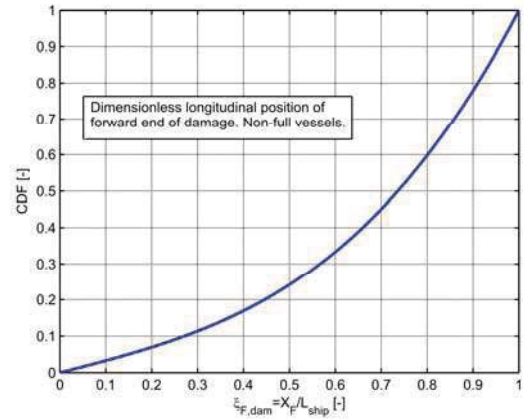


Figure 4: Plot of cumulative distribution dimensionless longitudinal position of forward end of damage.

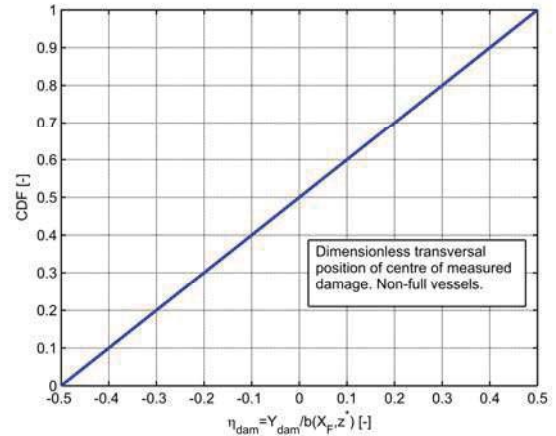


Figure 5: Plot of cumulative distribution of dimensionless transversal position of centre of measured damage.

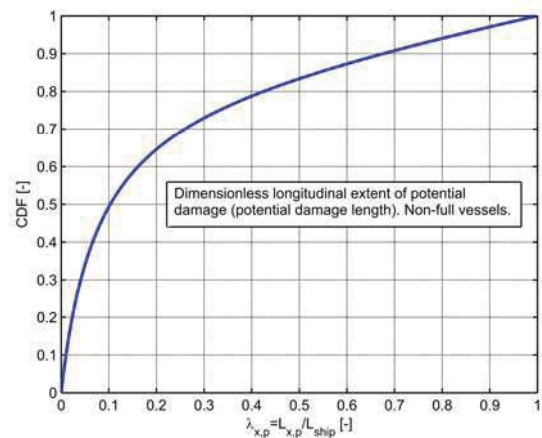


Figure 6: Plot of cumulative distribution of dimensionless longitudinal extent of potential damage (potential damage length).

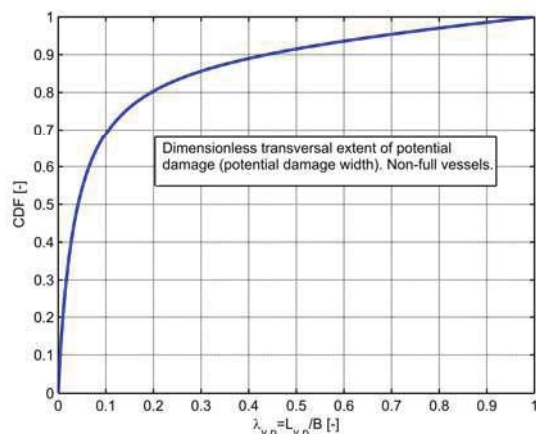


Figure 7: Plot of cumulative distribution of dimensionless transversal extent of potential damage (potential damage width).

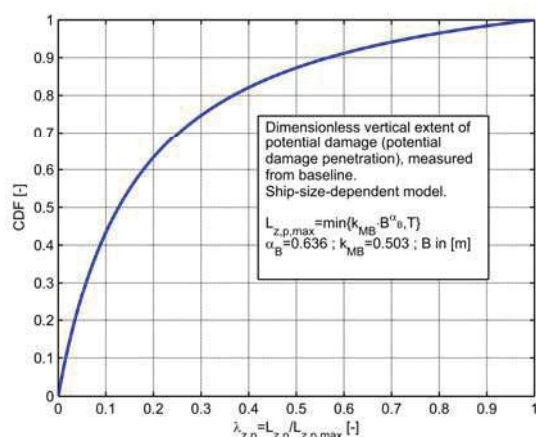


Figure 8: Plot of cumulative distribution of dimensional vertical extent of potential damage (potential damage penetration), measured from baseline. Ship-size-dependent model.

5. IMPLEMENTATION AND EXAMPLE RESULTS

The described approach has been implemented in a dedicated software tool within the NAPA software environment. A series of successful initial verification cross-checks of the NAPA tool have been carried out regarding the generation of damages and the determination of “p-factors” using an in-house tool available at University of Trieste. The developed tool within the NAPA software environment was designed to be easy to use for

practical application purposes, still retaining a sufficient flexibility for research applications. With reference to practical (design) applications, the developed tool allows a user, in a fully automated way, to generate breaches, to determine damage cases and associated “p-factors” and, eventually, to calculate the attained subdivision index. Furthermore, batch processing is possible, in order to more easily handle repeated or multiple calculations. Presently the tool allows to handle bottom damages (“type B00”), as well as side grounding damages (“type S00”). This latter type of damage is however not discussed in this paper.

Herein the developed approach has been applied through the NAPA tool on a simplified example case. The scope of the example calculations was, firstly, to provide a reference example for comparative purposes, and, secondly, to assess the typical level of dispersion which can be expected for the A-index when applying the described procedure.

To this end, a notional vessel was developed which is simple enough for software verification purposes, and which can be easily and freely reproduced. The considered test vessel is a barge having a box-shaped hull and box-shaped internal compartments. The main characteristics of the barge are reported in Table 6, while a view of the general arrangement is shown in Figure 9.

Table 6: Main characteristics of the test barge.

Length	100m	d_s	4.0m
Breadth	16m	d_p	3.6m
Total height	10m	d_l	3.0m
Assumed number of passengers	750	Height of double bottom	1.6m

The barge has a total length of 100m (starting from $x = -4m$ up to $x = 96m$), a breadth of 16m and a total height of 10m. The barge has a double bottom with height equal to 1.6m. A horizontal deck (the bulkhead deck) is

positioned 6m above the ship bottom. The deepest subdivision draught is set to 4m, while the light draught is set to 3m, this leading to a partial subdivision draught according to SOLAS of 3.6m. A series of transversal bulkheads are fitted, which extend from the ship bottom up to the bulkhead deck. The transversal bulkheads are uniformly spaced at a distance of 10m from each other, leading to a total of 10 zones. With the exception of the extreme aft and forward zones, the double bottom is longitudinally subdivided, leading to central compartments of 6m in width and wing compartments of 5m in width on each side. In the extreme aft and forward zones the double bottom extends from side to side. Eventually, this leads to a total of 26 rooms in the double bottom, 10 rooms immediately above the double bottom and a single room above the deck up to the maximum height, summing up to a total of 37 rooms.

Each room in the double bottom is associated with an unprotected opening, which becomes relevant in the s-factor calculation whenever the associated compartment belong

to the considered damage case. Such openings are meant to represent overflow vents, and are modelled in NAPA as one-way connections from the associated double bottom room to the uppermost room. Unprotected openings are all vertically positioned at 7.5m above the ship bottom, and longitudinally positioned at the centre of the associated room. For the central double bottom rooms, and for double bottom rooms extending from side to side, the opening is also transversally positioned at the centre of the room, which coincides with the ship centreline. On the other hand, for wing compartments, the openings are positioned at 0.5m from the ship side, i.e. at $y = 7.5m$ or $y = -7.5m$, for port or starboard side double bottom wing compartments, respectively. Unprotected openings are reported in Figure 9 as small red squares. It is worth recalling that unprotected openings have an effect on the attained subdivision index, through the s-factor, since the \overline{GZ} curve contributes in the s-factor calculation until the relevant openings (if any) are immersed.

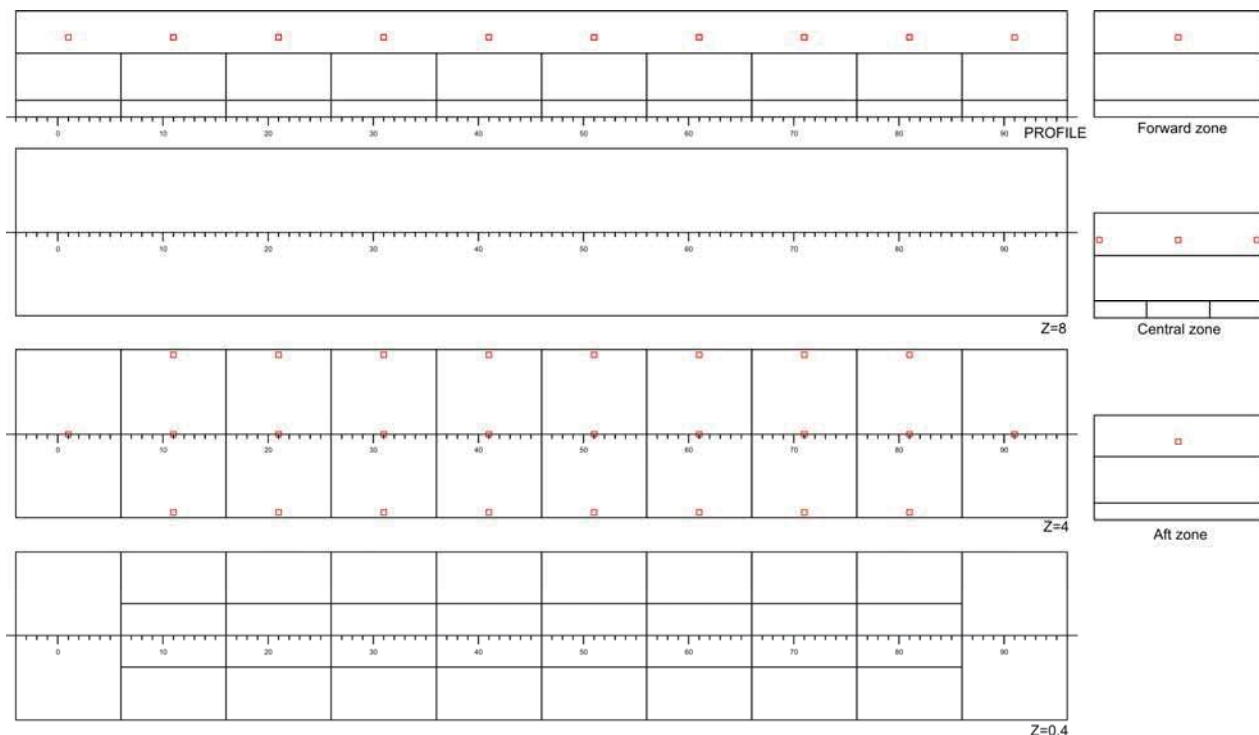


Figure 9: Layout of the test barge. Red squares marks the position of one way unprotected openings.

For the considered test vessel, the attained subdivision index $A_{GR,B}$ has been calculated according to (1). Damages have been generated considering a length of the ship equal to the overall length of the barge ($X_{MIN} = -4m$, $X_{MAX} = 96m$, $L_{ship} = 100m$ - See Table 1 and Table 3). An increasing number of generated breaches have been considered, namely: 10^3 , 10^4 and 10^5 . For each case, a series of 20 different repetitions have been run, and for each repetition the index $A_{GR,B}$ has been determined.

In the determination of $A_{GR,B}$, the “s-factor” has been calculated according to SOLAS Regulation 7-2 (IMO, 2014a), considering only the final stage of flooding. Heeling moments due to passengers on one side and due to wind have been considered in the determination of the “s-factor”. On the other hand, considering the absence of information for this simplified test case, the moment due to the launching of survival craft has been neglected. For the sake of the present testing, the same metacentric height, $GM = 2.0m$, has been used for the three calculation draughts.

Results from the described example calculations are shown in Figure 10. Black squares represent the attained subdivision index $A_{GR,B}$ as obtained from each single repetition, for the different numbers of generated breaches. Superimposed, the curve of the average index among the available repetitions is also reported. Around the average index, an approximate simplified Gaussian confidence band is shown, which extend for $\pm 2\sigma_A$, with σ_A being the standard deviation of $A_{GR,B}$ as estimated from the available repetitions, for each number of breaches. This band is to be interpreted as a simplified approximate region within which the outcome from a single run will lie, with approximately 95% probability. If the A-index is averaged among different repetitions, the confidence band for the averaged index decreases by the square root of the number of repetitions.

From a practical point of view, the results in Figure 10 provide indications regarding the number of breaches to be used in order to obtain a given accuracy for $A_{GR,B}$. Alternatively, they provide information regarding the confidence in the estimated A-index. For instance, when 10^4 breaches are used for the example case, σ_A is estimated as $1.65 \cdot 10^{-3}$. This means that, if a single repetition is considered, then, with approximately 95% confidence, the true attained index is in an interval of $\pm 3.30 \cdot 10^{-3}$ around the obtained $A_{GR,B}$. In case the index is obtained by averaging, e.g., five repetitions, then the expected 95% confidence interval around the obtained average reduces to $\pm 3.30 \cdot 10^{-3} / \sqrt{5} = \pm 1.48 \cdot 10^{-3}$. From the perspective of practical applications, the obtained results indicate that calculations based on the generation of 10^4 breaches can be considered to provide an acceptable level of accuracy, particularly when using multiple repetitions. It can therefore be preliminary suggested to carry out a series of five repetitions, with 10^4 breaches for each repetition.

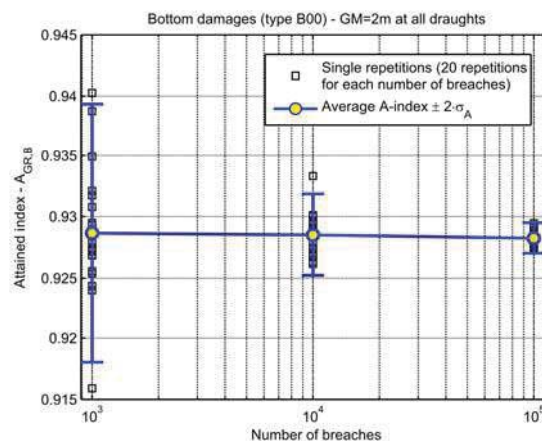


Figure 10: Example calculations for $A_{GR,B}$.

6. FINAL REMARKS

In this paper, a probabilistic approach has been presented for the regulatory assessment of damaged ship survivability following a grounding accident. The presented approach is flexible and easily updatable. Furthermore, the essence of the described approach was

designed to be in line with existing SOLAS2009 probabilistic regulations dealing with survivability following a collision. As a result, this potentially allows for a harmonization within the existing SOLAS framework.

The main difference between the described approach and present SOLAS2009 regulations resides in the way the “p-factors” are determined.

Indeed, SOLAS2009 uses analytical expressions for the determination of “p-factors”. Such expressions have been developed, and are strictly valid, only in case of box-shaped vessels with orthogonal subdivision, which is clearly not the case for most real vessels. Their practical application to real vessels is hence approximate, and it requires, in addition, the so-called “zonification” of the vessel, combined with explanatory notes aimed at specifying how to address compartments having complex (non-box-shaped) layouts. Furthermore, the analytical expressions for the determination of “p-factors” are strongly tied with the underlying distributions for the assumed damage characteristics, which do not appear explicitly in the regulations. As a result, although the “zonal approach” is fast and practical, it is inherently approximate and difficult to update. While its application in case of collision has been considered sufficiently accurate, the same cannot be said in case of damages due to grounding.

To take a step forward with respect to the present situation, the approach presented herein is based on the idea of determining the “p-factors” using a direct non-zonal approach. In such an approach, as a first step, the geometrical model of the damage is clearly described. Then, appropriate distributions are specified for the damage characteristics. These two elements lead to a fully characterised, transparent and easily updatable probabilistic model for the position and extent of the damage. This explicit model is then used to

generate a sufficiently large number of breaches on the vessel. Collecting breaches leading to the same set of damaged compartments allow to automatically determine what are commonly called “damage cases” together with their associated “p-factors” (probability of occurrence). The occurrence of non-contact cases is addressed by proper renormalization of “p-factors”. Combining the obtained “p-factors” with the “s-factor” calculated, for instance, according to SOLAS, for each “damage case”, and for each calculation draught, it is eventually possible to arrive at an attained survivability index. This index is intended to represent the survivability of the vessel following a grounding accident. The number of generated breaches needs to be large enough to achieve sufficient convergence of the attained index.

Once the geometrical model of the damage is clearly and properly described, hopefully limited explanatory notes regarding the application of the methodology are necessary, and the methodology is able to handle any compartment shape. Moreover, this approach can be easily updated in terms of underlying geometrical damage model and associated probability distributions, since no explicit analytical expressions, which in the general case cannot be obtained without essential simplifications, are to be developed for the determination of “p-factors”. When new, or better, probabilistic damage models, or new, or better, probability distributions for the characteristics of existing damage types become available, they can simply substitute the existing ones in the calculation code, together with the generation procedure for the breaches (if this is needs to be modified). The software tool and its underlying logic (which is actually very simple) remain exactly the same. Such flexibility and ease of update can be exploited in a number of ways: periodic update of the regulations, alternative design assessment taking into account structural effects, ship-specific damage models, model tuning based on direct structural calculations, specific damage models for implementation



into dynamic flooding simulations, just to mention a few possibilities.

In this paper, an example has been reported for the case of bottom grounding damages. However, the same procedure and software tool can be used, and have been developed, also for the case of grounding damages to the side of the vessel, extending partially or totally above the double bottom. In addition, the same procedure and software tool could be applied also to the case of collision, provided some updates are introduced in the current SOLAS framework. It is also important to note that this procedure is not totally new for the IMO regulatory framework. In fact, a procedure very close to the one reported herein, is already at the basis of the alternative assessment of accidental oil outflow performance or of double hull and double bottom requirements within MARPOL. As a result, almost the same software tool and logic could be applied also to such cases.

Preliminary testing of the described framework have shown that the number of breaches to be generated in order to achieve a sufficient convergence of the attained subdivision index is reasonable enough to render the approach practical for engineering purposes.

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Damage Stability Requirements for Passenger Ships – Collision Risk based Cost Benefit Assessment

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ABSTRACT

Currently built passenger ships have to comply with SOLAS 2009 probabilistic damage stability requirements. There are, however, serious concerns regarding the sufficiency of these requirements with respect to the Required Subdivision Index R, which should properly account for the risk of People On Board (POB) and ship's inherent survivability in case of loss of her watertight integrity. In recent years extensive research on determining the appropriate level of R using risk-based methods has been carried out. The urgency of the matter was reinforced by the quite recent *Costa Concordia* (2012) accident, even though this accident was not related to a collision event. This paper outlines the objectives, the methodology of work and first results of the ongoing studies funded by EMSA (EMSA III project) focusing on risk-based damage stability requirements for passenger ships. In compliance with IMO Formal Safety Assessment process a collision risk model is further developed based on the results of EU GOALDS project and a new required index shall be suggested by means of cost-benefit assessment. The updated collision risk model uses information from the most recent analysis of casualty reports of databases considering the period 1990 to 2012.

Keywords: Collision, Risk Model, Damage Stability, Passenger Ship Safety, Formal Safety Assessment, Cost Benefit Analysis

1. INTRODUCTION

In January 2009 the SOLAS 90 deterministic damage stability requirements for passenger ships were replaced by the new harmonised SOLAS 2009 probabilistic requirements, which were to a great extent based on research work of the HARDER project. However, that time when IMO Sub-Committee SLF was in the process of developing SOLAS 2009, it was mandated by IMO Marine Safety Committee *not to raise the safety level*. At that time this was considered satisfactory, except for the Ro-Ro cargo and

car carriers ships in general, for which the required survivability level was significantly raised. Therefore, for the majority of ship types, including the passenger ships, the required damage stability index (R-Index) was adjusted to represent *on average* the safety level of a representative sample of ships of the particular ship type with satisfactory survivability regarding the likely collision damages. A review of related developments can be found in Papanikolaou and Eliopoulou (2008).

Since then, extensive research on determining the appropriate level of R using risk-based methods has been carried out in particular in the projects funded by EMSA, e.g. EMSA study on specific damage stability parameters of Ro-Pax vessels (2011) and the partially EU funded project GOALDS (Papanikolaou et al., 2013). One of the key contributions of GOALDS (2009 – 2012) was the *risk-based* derivation of a *new damage stability requirement* for passenger ships, which was supported by conducting a series of concept design studies for sample RoPax and cruise ships, including their formal optimisation with respect to technical, economic and safety (risk) criteria. Key results of this project were submitted to IMO for consideration in the rule-making process (SLF 55/INF.7, SLF 55/INF.8, SLF 55/INF.9) and were positively reviewed by IMO FSA expert group (MSC 93/6/3, 2013).

Despite of all the above research efforts there were still some unanswered questions and the objectives of the EMSA III study are to cover the specific knowledge gaps that were identified after the finalisation of the previous EMSA projects and GOALDS. These knowledge gaps are the effect of (open left) watertight doors, the consideration of grounding and raking damages the in damage stability evaluation as well as the consolidation of the collision risk model. This paper is focusing on the consolidated collision risk model.

The EMSA III study uses a risk-based cost-benefit assessment for derivation of new damage stability requirements. In context of IMO rule making procedures this process is specified in the Guidelines for Formal Safety Assessment (FSA, MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.12 2013). In risk-based cost-benefit assessment the impact of risk reducing measures in relation to their costs and monetary benefits (Cost of Averting a Fatality, CAF) is quantitatively compared to well specified thresholds (value of preventing a fatality). These thresholds are

accepted by regulator and in accordance with the FSA Guidelines, and were based on a Life Quality approach. Therefore, this assessment requires the development of a risk model and a cost model for the aspect under consideration.

The focus of the work outlined in this paper is on damage stability requirements as covered by current regulations of SOLAS 2009. Accordingly, the collision risk model is particularly developed for this purpose and consequences focus on damage stability related casualties (fatalities due to sinking).

2. FLEET ATRISK

The risk model developed in section 0 was quantified using initial accident frequencies that were calculated determining accidents and fleet at risk for a sample complying with the characteristics specified already in GOALDS project:

- Ship types: cruise, passenger ships, Ro-Pax and RoPaxRail;
- $GT \geq 1,000$ – most ships below GT 1,000 operate on non-international voyages;
- ≥ 80 m length (LOA) - most ships below 80 m in length operate on non-international voyages;
- Built ≥ 1982 ;
- Accidents in the period 1994-01-01 and 2012-12-31;
- IACS class at time of accident – to reduce the potential effect of under reporting;
- IACS class for determination of ship years;

- Froude No. ≤ 0.5 – to eliminate High Speed Craft (HSC) from the study.

For the further analysis two basic ship categories were considered and the different samples merged accordingly:

- Cruise, comprising cruise and passenger ships with accommodation for more than 12 passengers in cabins;
- RoPax, comprising Ro-Pax and Ro-Pax-Rail vessel with accommodation for more than 12 passengers.

The development of fleet size in terms of ship years for both categories and the period 1994 to 2012 is shown in

Figure 1. For the samples the number of ship years was 3,290 for Cruise and 6,738 for RoPax.

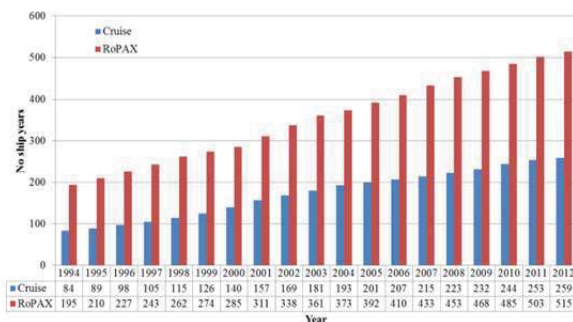


Figure 1 Fleet size per year for ship categories Cruise and RoPax

3. COLLISION CASUALTIES

Initial raw casualty data were retrieved from the IHS Fairplay database. The particular records were inserted in the newly developed database allowing for more detailed statistical investigation. Before inserted records were

reviewed and enhanced by additional information to the extent available; the data in hand were re-analysed and post-processed in the way to produce input to the pre-developed collision risk model.

All captured accidents occurred during the ship's operational phase and were assigned to one of the predefined main incident categories according to the last “accidental event”. Regarding the definition of each accident event, the relevant IMO descriptions were adopted (MSC/Circ.953, 2000).

In the post 2000 period, a total of 67 serious collision events occurred involving IACS classed Cruise and RoPax ships, see **Table 1**.

Focusing on Cruise ships, 17 accidents were assigned as collision events (**Table 1**); the vast majority of them; 88% (15 accidents out of 17) occurred in terminal areas. Heavy weather conditions were reported in 7 cases, good weather in 2 cases whereas there was no weather report concerning the remaining accidents.

In 43% of the collision accidents, the Cruise vessel was the struck one. In cases where the Cruise ship was the struck one, striking ships are: another Cruise ship (2 cases), a barge (1 case), a Chemical/Oil Tanker (1 case), a Bulk Carrier (1 case) and a Containership (1 case). Finally, no ship total loss and no fatalities were reported within the study period.

Regarding RoPax ships, in total 50 serious collision events occurred involving IACS classed RoPax ships, ref. Table 1. About 57% of the particular collision events occurred in Terminal areas, 39% in limited waters and 2% in Open Sea during en-route operation. Heavy weather conditions were reported in 9 cases, good weather in 3 cases, under poor visibility in 5 cases, under freezing conditions in 2 cases whereas there was no weather report concerning the remaining accidents.

In 58% of the collision accidents, the RoPax ship was the struck vessel. In cases where the RoPax ship was the struck one, striking ships are: another RoPax ship (9 cases), a Ro-Ro Cargo ship (3 cases), a General Cargo (3 cases), a Bulk Carrier (2 cases), a Chemical/Oil Tanker (1 case), a Containership (1 case), a tug (1 case) and a Fishing vessel (1 case). Finally, no ship total loss and no fatalities were reported within the study period.

Time Period			
1994 - 2012		2000 - 2012	
No of casualties ¹	1/ship year ²	No of casualties ¹	1/ship year ³
Cruise			
19	5.78E-03	17	6.36E-03
RoPax			
52	7.72E-03	50	9.38E-03

Table 1: Number of casualties for ship categories Cruise and RoPax as well as related initial accident frequencies for periods 1994 to 2012 and 2000 to 2012

Table 2 presents the calculated frequencies used for input to the collision risk model. The previous analysis carried out in GOALDS project started with year 1994 and therefore the focus for collecting and investigating casualty reports was put on the period 1994 to 2012. For the current analysis the time period covers year 2000 to 2012 due to higher annual accident frequencies compared to 1994 to 2000. Anyway, the same constraints with GOALDS project are adopted as described in the previous section.

4. COLLISION RISK MODEL

The collision risk model in EMSA III project was developed on basis of the risk

¹ serious cases, IACS ships at the time of incident

² Calculated considering IACS classed ships and the selection criteria specified: 3290 ship years

³ Calculated considering IACS classed ships and the selection criteria specified: 2673 ship years

model developed for GOALDS incorporating newly available information. Starting point for the risk model was the high-level collision event sequence considering main influences on the development of consequences (**Figure 2**), i.e. considering whether the ship was struck or striking (initiator), the location of the accident (operational area), the possibility of water ingress and in case of water ingress the possibility of sinking including the velocity.

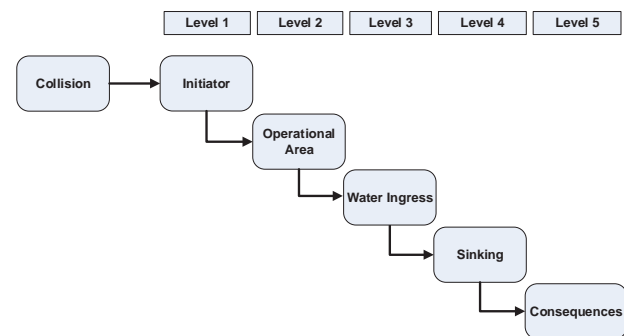


Figure 2 High-level event sequence for collision casualties of passenger ship

The developed collision risk model is shown in Figure 7 for the example of ship type Cruise. The main differences to the GOALDS collision risk models are:

- Merging scenarios “en route” and “limited waters” because in both branches the same dependent probabilities were used;
- Reduced fatality rate for sinking in terminal area of 5% considering the effects of limited water depth and good SAR;
- Estimate dependent probabilities for the events “initiator”, “operational area” and “water ingress” on basis of a sample received by merging the reports for Cruise and RoPax.

Initial accident frequencies are summarised in Table 2 above. Dependent probabilities for initiator (struck/striking), operational area (terminal/limited waters-en route) and water

ingress were estimated on basis of the casualty reports collected for the period 1994 to 2013. As this risk model is dedicated to damage stability the probability of sinking was estimated on basis of SOLAS 2009 damage stability requirements. Hence, the probability of sinking is equal to 1-A.

For consider the uncertainty in the initial accident frequencies, the dependent probabilities as well as the consequences with respect to Person On Board distributions were estimated for the nodes in the risk model and risk was calculated in terms of PLL by means of Monte Carlo simulation. Distributions were estimated on basis of the confidence intervals that were calculated using the approach suggested by Engelhardt (1994). **Figure 3** shows exemplarily the used log-normal distribution for a Cruise ship being struck

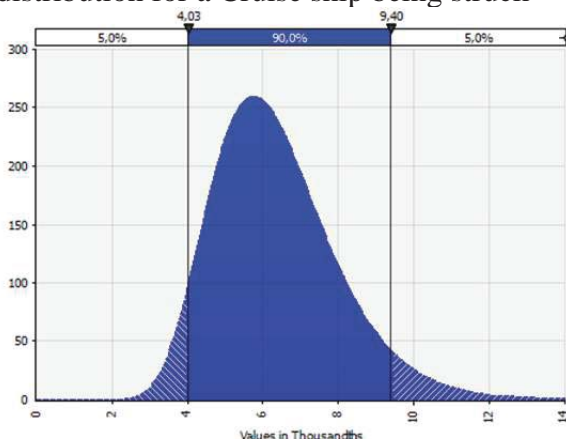


Figure 3 Log-normal distribution for Cruise ship being struck with 90% confidence interval.

The collision risk for Cruise ships and RoPax were calculated considering typical occupancy rates. For Cruise ships the occupancy rate was 90%, i.e. 90% of certified passenger and crew capacity. For RoPax three different occupancy rates for passengers were defined approximating seasonal variation of people on board over the year:

- 100% for 12.5% of the year (high season);

- 75% for 25% of the year (medium season); and,
- 50% for 62.5% of the year (low season).

Number of crew was kept constant using nominal value.

Table 2 summarises the collision risk in terms of PLL for six reference ships. These collision risk values were calculated for the damage stability index attained for the original design.

Table 2 Collision risk in terms of Potential Loss of Lives (mean values) calculated for ship types considered in cost benefit analysis

Ship type and size	PLL (fatalities per ship year)	Number of Persons (POB)
large cruise	6.32E-02	6730
small cruise	9.67E-03	478
ropax baltic	1.04E-01	3280
ropax Med	6.80E-02	1700
ropax ferry	2.95E-02	625
double end	2.71E-02	610

As shown, risk in terms of PLL increased with number of persons on board which is quite obvious because the risk model considers the ship size only via the attained index and corresponding POB when estimating the probability of sinking.

5. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

The main objective of the cost-benefit assessment (CBA) is the evaluation of risk control options with respect to their economic impact, i.e. compare related costs with monetary threshold CAF (Cost of Averting a Fatality). The basic assumption for design work was to keep the business model and the transport task constant during the design variations. In particular the defined capacities

like number of cabins, lane metres and deadweight, operational profiles with regard to speed and turnaround times, as well as specific demands for the ship, e.g. restrictions of main dimensions, have been preserved.

For the different design variants a cost-benefit calculation has been done, based on the same method as applied in GOALDS. For all cost elements only the change compared to the reference design has been calculated.

All values are calculated on 2014 levels and the life-cycle costs are assessed using a discount factor of 5% over the 30 year lifetime of the ship.

The change of three main cost elements has been evaluated in the cost benefit analysis (CBA):

- Change of production costs, for structure, outfitting and equipment, including also design costs and other costs such as insurance, financing etc.;
- Change of operational costs, mainly the change of fuel costs due to modified main dimensions or hull form;
- Change of revenue – theoretical revenues arising from the design modification were not investigated since the transportation task / business model of the owner was kept constant; therefore only the change of scrap value due to the reduced probability of total loss (sinking of ship) due to an increase of A was calculated.

The future fuel price development is connected to a high degree of uncertainty; the fuel costs may, however, have significant influence on the cost effectiveness of the risk control options. In order to achieve comparable results, the same approach as in the GOALDS project has been used where the development of fuel prices is based on the estimations of the Annual Energy Outlook 2012 prepared by the

U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), as shown in the following graph (**Figure 4**).

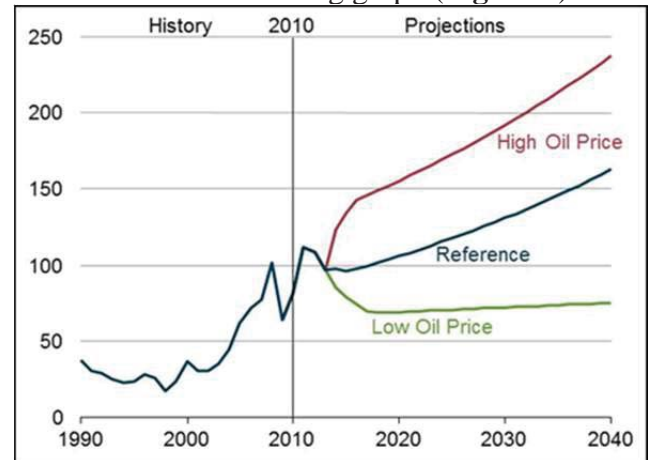


Figure 4 Average annual oil prices for the three scenarios 'low', 'reference' and 'high', 1990-2035⁴ (2010 US\$ per bbl)

In respect to the coming environmental regulations and the use of low sulphur fuels, a fuel mix has been defined for the life time of each of the sample ships. For each design variant a calculation of the annual fuel consumption has been made based on the given operational profile which considers different percentages of port time, as well as the distribution of different operational speeds.

As the business model is kept constant, e.g. the same number of cabins or amount of deadweight and cargo capacity, the only change in the revenue is calculated based on small variations of the business model and on the reduced probability of total loss due to the changed attained index A.

This small contribution to the revenue is based on the GOALDS investigations, in which published newbuilding and scrapping prices from IHS Fairplay database have been analysed to achieve a coarse relation between ship size and the price for design and construction.

Secondary effects costs which may be faced by the operator or the society following a large

⁴ Remarkably with respect to the volatility of prices: early 2015 oil prices are well below the 2010 predicted Low Price Level

accident has not been accounted for due to limited available data.

6. NEW PASSENGER SHIP DESIGNS

New designs of six passenger ships have been developed to form the basis for the optimization and benchmark for the subdivision index, as well as for grounding and the effect of open water tight doors.

All designs comply with the current statutory rules and regulations, e.g. SOLAS 2009 including 'Safe Return to Port' where applicable. Some of the RoPax designs also comply with the EU directive for RoRo passenger ships, known as Stockholm Agreement.

The designs have been selected in close cooperation between the designers and ship operators in such a way that the world fleet will be well represented and as a complement to the designs investigated in GOALDS. **Figure 5** shows a plot of the actual world fleet of XY ships in terms of length and person on board, and the sample ships. The main characteristics of the sample ships are summarised in **Table 3**.

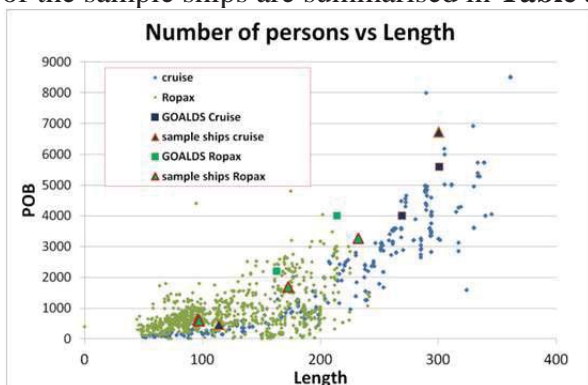


Figure 5 Selection of sample ships with regard to length and POB (RoPax and Cruise)

For all ships a number of risk control options have been executed mainly due to the moderate variation of breadth and freeboard as well as changes to the internal watertight subdivision. The focus was laid on practical feasible design variations which results in a

workable ship but with highest increase of the attained subdivision index according to SOLAS 2009. For the RoPax designs the new defined s-factor has been used, while the Stockholm Agreement has not been considered. Also the effect of any large lower hold has been investigated for two of the RoPax sample ships, as cargo capacity is the main design target and source of revenue for some ferry routes.

To allow an effective design the new defined CAF limits of 4 to 8 mill USD have been converted for each of the sample ships into graphs showing the maximum allowable costs to stay with the limits of cost effectiveness (Figure 6 shows the results for 'large Cruise'). The 5% and 95% confidence intervals are also shown.

Table 3 Overview of sample ships

Type	Length m	GT	Number of persons
Large cruise	294.6	153400	6730
Small cruise	113.7	11800	478
Baltic RoPax	232.0	60000	3280
Med RoPax	172.4	43000	1700
Small cruise	113.7	11800	478
Small RoPax	95.5	7900	625
Double ender	96.8	6245	610

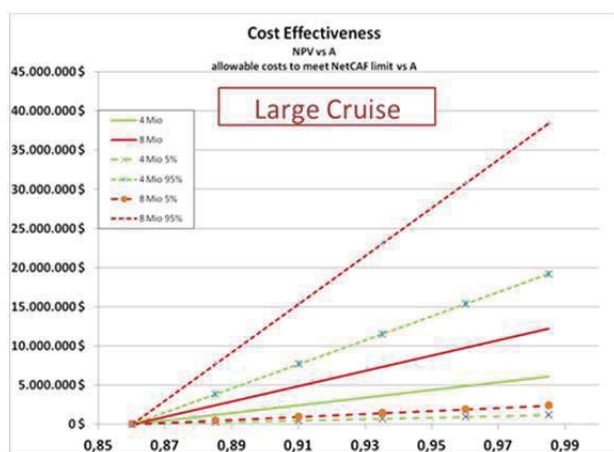


Figure 6 Diagram of cost effectiveness for large cruise ship

As explained in section 5 the costs and possible benefits for each Risk Control Option will be determined. Costs spread over the lifetime of the vessel will be transferred to a Net Present Value, i.e. future costs are transferred to a reference year (2014) using interest rate.

As seen in the risk model in Figure 7 the level of Attained Index (A) is directly used parameter in the risk model indicating whether the ship will sink or not. For an improvement in A there is a corresponding reduction in Potential Loss of Lives. This is what can be directly plotted in the Figure 6 to visualise whether the investigated RCO is within CAF limits of 4 or 8 mill USD. Additionally, corresponding confidence intervals are plotted allowing consideration of uncertainty in the risk model.

The results of the investigation of the sample ships will be used in the further work of this project to suggest a new level of R

7. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The FSA on cruise ships demonstrated impressively that collision and grounding accidents are major risk contributors in particular due to water ingress leading to loss of stability.

The determination of an appropriate level of required damage stability (R-Index) for passenger ships has been a matter of extensive research. For instance the project GOALDS dealt with the quantification of damage stability related risk and identification of design options for mitigating the risk of collision and grounding accidents. However, despite of all research efforts some issues related to damage stability remain. One of the current key topics in this context is related to the update of damage stability requirements.

In IMO FSA Guidelines the ALARP process is recommended for determining new requirements respectively updating them. This process focuses on making the risk “as low as reasonable practical”, which comprises the development of a risk model for quantifying risk reduction and performing cost-benefit assessment. By cost-benefit assessment the economic impact of risk mitigating measures is evaluated by means of monetary thresholds.

In this paper the investigations focusing on a reduction of damage stability related risk, and following the procedures of the IMO FSA Guidelines were described, i.e. development of the risk model and design modification followed by cost-benefit assessment. The purpose was to be able to recommend the level of the required index R covering collision damages. An updated risk model has been developed which was further used in the cost-benefit assessment of six sample ships (two cruise and four RoPax ships). These sample ships were representative for the world fleet with respect to size, capacity and type. For each sample ship a number of risk control options have been executed mainly due to the moderate variation of breadth and freeboard as well as changes to the internal watertight subdivision. The work focused on obtaining practical feasible design variations with highest possible level of attained index A according to SOLAS 2009.

For each design modification a cost-benefit assessment has been carried out giving the



related Cost of Averting a Fatality (CAF). For modified designs where a CAF value less than the threshold of 4 and 8 mill USD is found the corresponding attained index A is taken into consideration for suggesting the level of R. The work carried out so far provided design variations with increased damage stability and in compliance with set CAF threshold, i.e. cost-beneficial designs.

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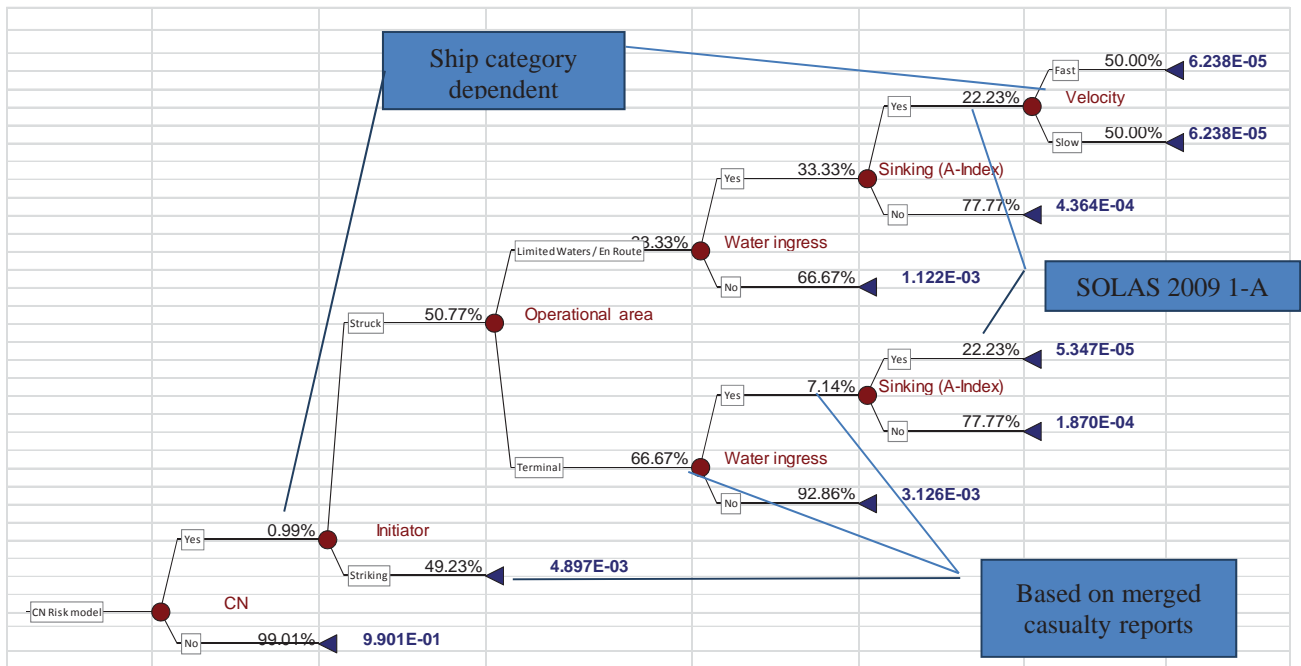


Figure 7 CN risk model for cruise ship

Table 4: Main particulars of ship designs optimised

No	Type	Length bp	Breadth	Draught	Gross Tonnage	Number of Persons
		m	m	m	tonnes	
1	large cruise	300.00	40.80	8.75	153400	6730
2	small cruise	113.70	30.00	5.30	11800	478
3	PoPax Baltic	232.00	29.00	7.20	60000	3280
4	RoPax Med	172.40	31.00	6.60	43000	1700
5	RoPax ferry	95.95	20.20	4.90	7900	625
6	RoPax double end	96.80	17.60	4.00	6245	600

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ABSTRACT

The second generation intact stability criteria for broaching are now under development. In this process, several elements should be investigated with nonlinear ship dynamics and stochastic theories for regulatory application. First, the effect of diffraction effects on surf-riding probability was investigated so that the effect is essential for reasonable operational limitation. Second, the effect of estimation of calm-water resistance was examined so that reasonably good fitting of resistance curve is proposed. Third, the effect of different stochastic wave theories was also investigated. These results could provide a base of discussion at the IMO.

Keywords: *Broaching, diffraction effect, IMO, Second generation intact stability criteria, stochastic wave theory*

1. INTRODUCTION

When surf-riding occurs, a ship occasionally suffers broaching, which could results in capsizing. Therefore, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) circulated its operational guidance for preventing surf-riding (IMO, 1995) and drafted its design criteria for surf-riding (Japan, 2014) as a part of the second generation intact stability criteria. These operational and design requirements are based on global bifurcation analyses, i.e. phase plane analysis and the Melnikov analysis, because surf-riding can be regarded as a global bifurcation of uncoupled surge motion in regular following waves.

Although these approaches were well validated with model experiments, some additional elements should be developed for regulatory criteria. Firstly wave-induced surge force, which induces surf-riding, should be accurately estimated. Secondly, ship calm-water resistance, which could prevent surf-riding, should be practically modelled. Thirdly, a gap between the global bifurcation of periodically excited system and realistic irregular waves should be resolved. Finally the relationship be-

tween the surf-riding and capsizing should be established for proper use of direct stability assessment in future. Thus, this paper attempts to provide some guides for these elements for establishing operational and design criteria, following outline of the draft surf-riding criteria at the IMO.

2. OUTLINE OF PROBABILISTIC SURF-RIDING CRITERION

2.1 Surf-riding threshold in regular waves

The draft criterion utilises calculation of surf-riding probability for a given ship in the North Atlantic or its operational area. Firstly, the surf-riding threshold in various regular waves is systematically calculated with the wave- induced surge force, calm-water ship resistance, propeller thrust and displacement. Here the Melnikov analysis is used to determine the bifurcation point where a trajectory starting from one unstable surf-riding equilibrium point coincides with a trajectory from another unstable surf-riding threshold. This means that such trajectory is definitely a periodic orbit but its period is infinite

because reaching an unstable equilibrium requires infinite time. Thus this bifurcation point can be regarded as a border between periodic states and the equilibrium which is surf-riding. In this analysis, this bifurcation point is straightforwardly calculated by solving a nonlinear equation without time domain simulation. The Melnikov analysis is applied to this issue by Kan (1990) with linear calm-water resistance model and then Spyrou (2006) proposed to use cubic calm-water modelling. The formula used here allows us to use any order polynomial fitting of ship resistance, which was well validated in model experiments (Maki et al., 2010).

2.2 Surf-riding probability in irregular waves

In the draft criterion, the given ship is judged as vulnerable to broaching if the surf-riding probability in the North Atlantic is larger

than the acceptable level. The surf-riding probability is calculated by integrating the probability density of local wave height and wavelength in which operational speed is above the surf-riding threshold as obtained in the section 2.1. This procedure appeared in Umeda (1990) is based on the assumption that irregular waves can be divided into a train of many local waves having different heights and lengths because surf-riding occurs only with one local wave. Indirect validation of this procedure in the light of the Monte Carlo simulation for pitch motion can be found in Umeda et al. (2011). The probability density of local waves can be calculated by Longuet-Higgins's works (1983) or equivalent, assuming that ocean waves are narrow-banded process. Their validation results used the field observation by Goda (2000). Furthermore, by using a wave scattering diagram and the results obtained so far, surf-riding probability for a certain water area can be calculated.

3. DIFFRACTION EFFECT ON SURF-RIDING

3.1 Wave-induced surge force

Surf-riding means that a ship runs with a wave. Thus the encounter frequency is zero. For predicting surf-riding, it is essential to accurately predict wave-induced surge forces at zero encounter frequency. If we could ignore disturbance due to a ship, the Froude-Krylov force, which can be easily calculated, could be sufficient. Many comparisons between model experiments and the Froude-Krylov prediction, however, indicate that the Froude-Krylov approach significantly overestimates the experiment (e.g. Ito et al., 2014). An example is shown in Figure 1.

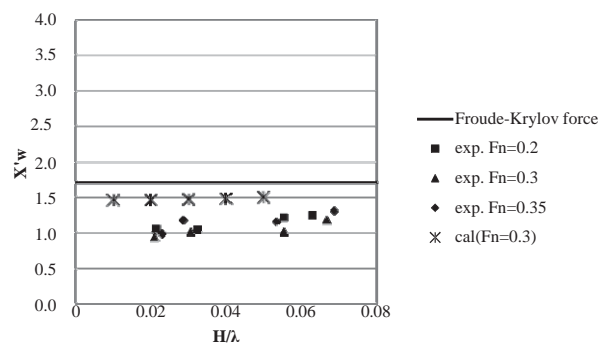


Figure 1 Wave-induced surge force for the ITTC A1 containership with the wavelength to ship length ratio of 1 for different wave steepnesses, H/λ , and the Froude numbers, F_n . Here the wave-induced surge force is normalised with the product of ship weight and wave steepness. (Y. Ito, et al., 2014).

These results indicate that the measured wave-induced surge force is almost linear so that this discrepancy cannot be explained with wave nonlinearity. Thus Umeda (1984) and Ito et al. (2014) applied a thin ship theory and a slender body theory, respectively. Here diffraction effect, i.e. change of wave-making resistance due to periodic change of incident wave profile, is theoretically calculated because the three-dimensional wave pattern due to an oscillatory

point source at the zero encounter frequency tends to that due to the Kelvin source. The strength of source distribution can be determined with the hull surface condition with water particle velocity due to waves taken into account. As shown in Figure 1, this diffraction effects explain the discrepancy between the model experiment and the Froude-Krylov prediction to some extent. More quantitative agreement can be achieved with the CFD simulation (Sadat-Hosseini et al., 2011.)

3.2 Diffraction effect on surf-riding probability

It was already published that diffraction effect on surf-riding threshold in regular waves is indispensable to avoid inconsistency between

the IMO operational guidance and the draft criteria (Umeda et al., 2011). The critical nominal Froude number for surf-riding estimated with the Froude-Krylov force on its own could be smaller than 0.3, which is requirement of the IMO operational guidance, while that with the measured wave force is larger than 0.3.

As a next step, it is necessary to quantify the diffraction effect on surf-riding probability as the final output of the draft criterion. The comparisons of surf-riding probability with and without diffraction force are conducted as shown in Figures 2-7. The subject ships used here are two containerhips, a pure car carrier (PCC), a RoRO ship and two hypothetical war ships. Their principal particulars are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Principal particulars of the subject ships

	C11 container-ship	ITTC A1 container-ship	RoRo	PCC	ONR- flare	ONR-tumblehome
Length : $L_{BP(m)}$	262.0	150.0	187.7	192.0	154.0	154.0
Breadth: $B(m)$	40.0	27.2	24.5	32.26	18.78	18.78
Mean Draught: $d(m)$	11.5	8.5	6.9	8.18	5.494	5.494
Block coefficient: C_b	0.560	0.667	N/A	0.537	0.536	0.536
Metacentric height: $GM(m)$	0.56	0.739	1.00	1.25	0.755	2.07

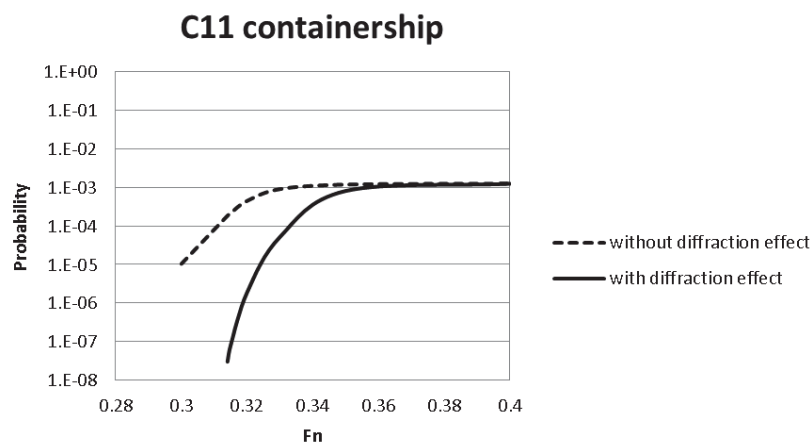


Figure 2 Surf-riding probability for the modified C11 containership with and without diffraction effect.

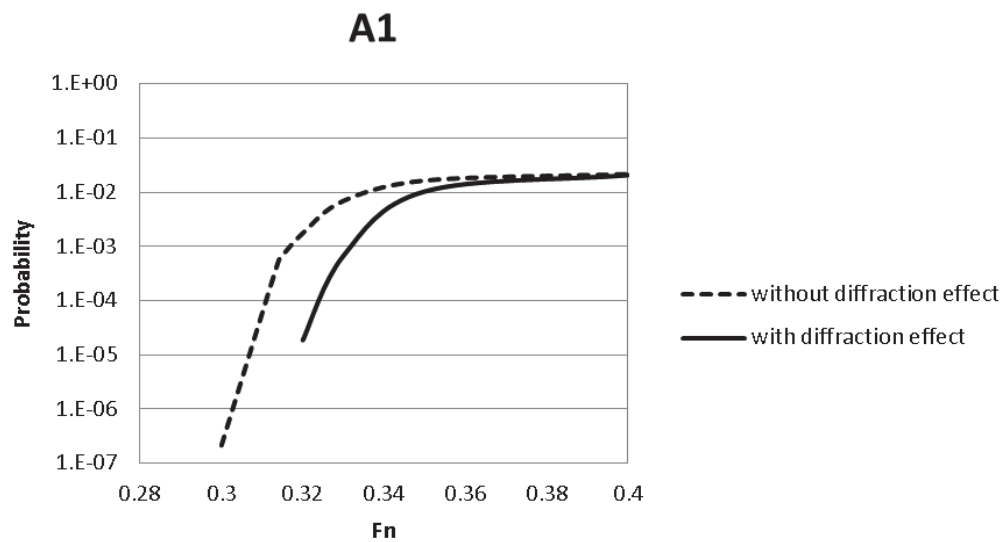


Figure 3 Surf-riding probability for the ITTC A1 containership with and without diffraction effect.

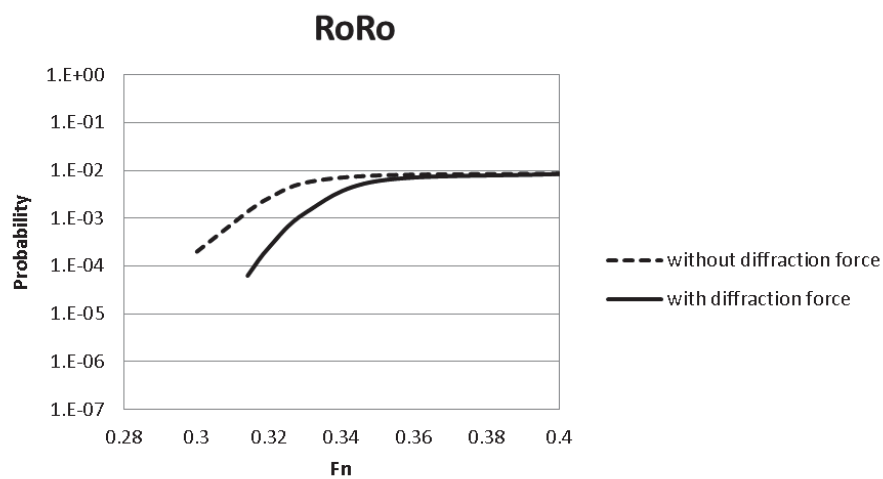


Figure 4 Surf-riding probability for a RoRo ship with and without diffraction effect.

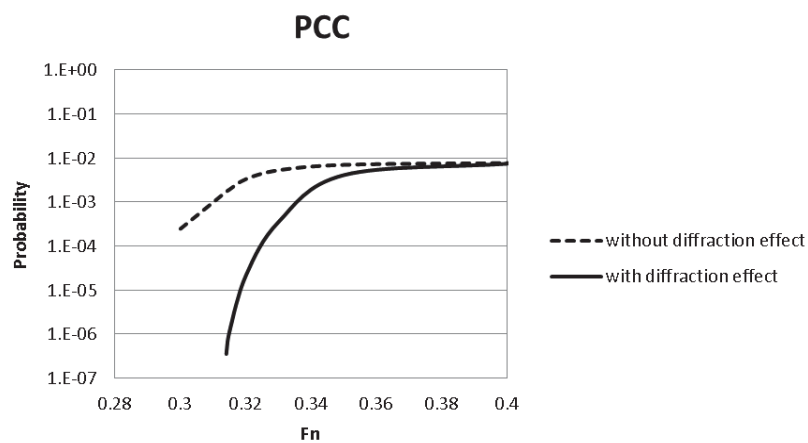


Figure 5 Surf-riding probability for a car carrier with and without diffraction effect.

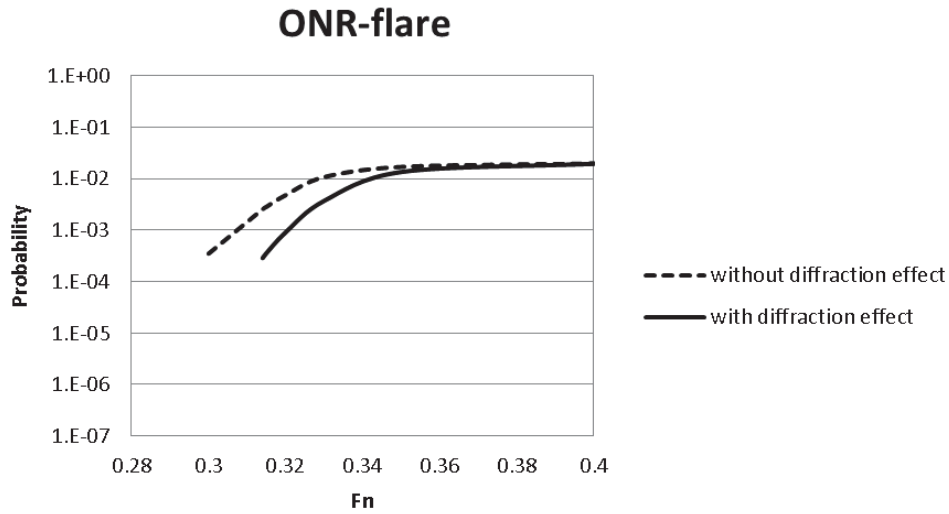


Figure 6 Surf-riding probability for the ONR flare topside vessel with and without diffraction effect.

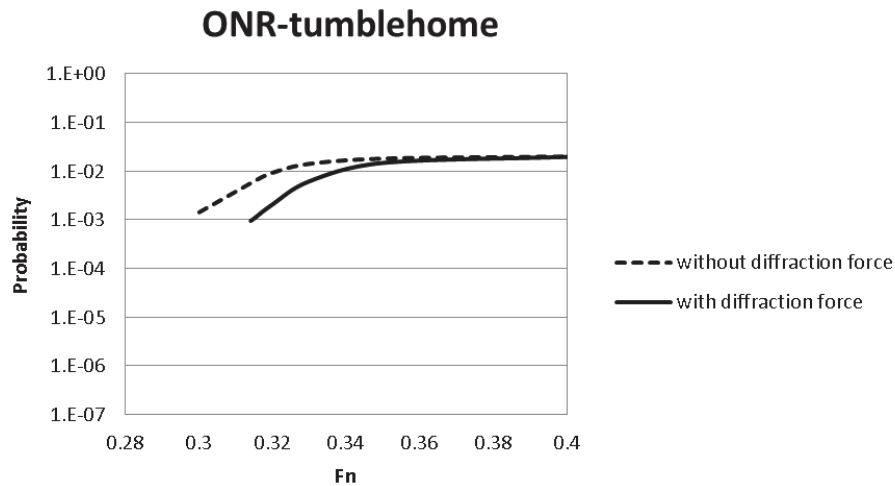


Figure 7 Surf-riding probability for the ONR tumblehome topside vessel with and without diffraction effect.

These comparisons demonstrate that surf-riding probability without diffraction effect is significantly larger than that with diffraction effect. As a result, for avoiding inconsistency with the operational requirement, the acceptable probability level is 10^{-4} with diffraction force and 5×10^{-3} without diffraction effect (Japan, 2015).

Then a question could arise: this difference in acceptable probability is crucial or not. It can be quantify with Equation (1).

$$P(T) = 1 - (1 - p)^{T/T_e} \quad (1)$$

where P : probability of surf-riding within the time interval of T , p : conditional probability of surf-riding when the ship meets a wave and T_e : average of encounter wave period. By using Equation (1), the time interval of non-surf-riding, T_s , can be calculated with Equation (2).

$$T_s = T_e \log(1 - p) / \log(1 - P) \quad (2).$$

Thus, if we assume $T_e = 10$ s and the confidence level of 5 per cent, $p = 10^{-4}$ and 5×10^{-3} could result in $T_s = 1.4$ hours and 1.7 minutes,

respectively. This result clearly indicates that an estimation without diffraction effect is not practical.

4. EFFECT OF CALM-WATER RESISTANCE SAMPLING ON SURF-RIDING

Other than the wave-induced surge force, calm-water ship resistance is an important factor for estimating surf-riding. Prediction of calm-water ship resistance itself is rather a routine for naval architects for guaranteeing ship speed and for complying with the EEDI (Energy Efficiency Design Index) requirement. Model test for these purposes, however, is not always executed for a given ship design. Thus, it is appropriate to allow the use of speed/power trial. In this case we should examine whether the estimation with only limited number of ship speed is sufficient or not. For providing an answer for this question, the authors attempt to verify the use of speed/power trial in place of model test.

For the sample ships in this paper, we already completed model tests in calm-water up to the Froude number of 0.6. Firstly all available test

data was fitted with a quintic curve. Secondly, to simulate speed/power trial we sampled three conditions, i.e. service speed, maximum service speed and maximum speed, from the model test data. We assumed here that the service speed corresponds to 85 per cent of the MCR (Maximum Continuous Rating), the maximum service speed does 100 per cent of the MCR and the maximum speed does 110 per cent of the MCR. Then the speed/resistance curve is fitted with a quadratic model, which requires three unknown parameters.

Figures 8 and 9 show examples of comparisons of fitted calm-water resistances. As a whole, quintic modelling with all experimental data is quite satisfactory. For the ONR tumblehome topside vessel as shown in Figure 8, the sampled speeds coincides with wave celerity range for wavelength to ship length ratio from 1.0 to 1.2 so that quadratic modelling well agrees with the quintic modelling for higher speed range. For the PCC, the sampled speeds are slower but the agreement with the quintic modelling is not so unsatisfactory. This might be because quadratic modelling, which has only one trough, is more robust than cubic modelling or higher order polynomial modelling.

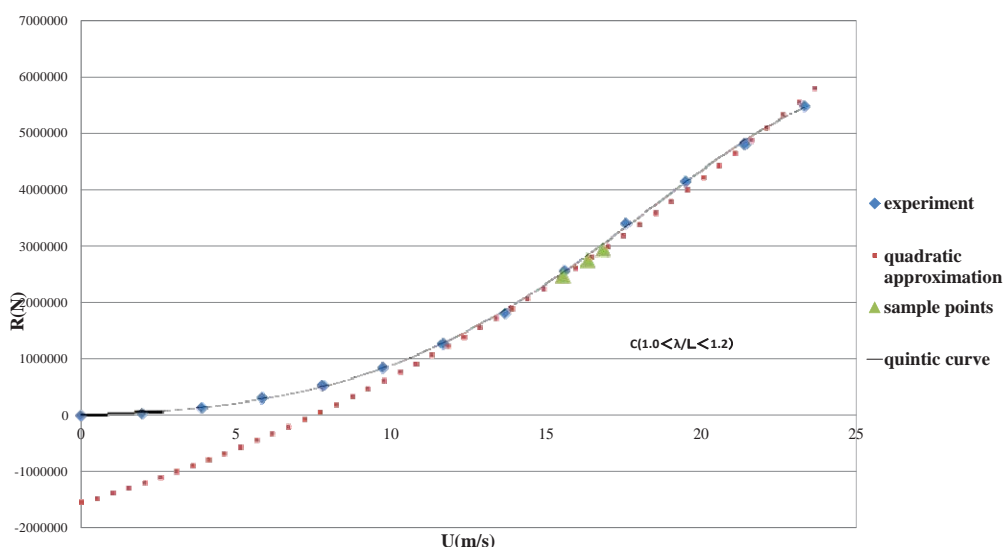


Figure 8 Calm-water resistance of the ONR tumblehome topside vessel

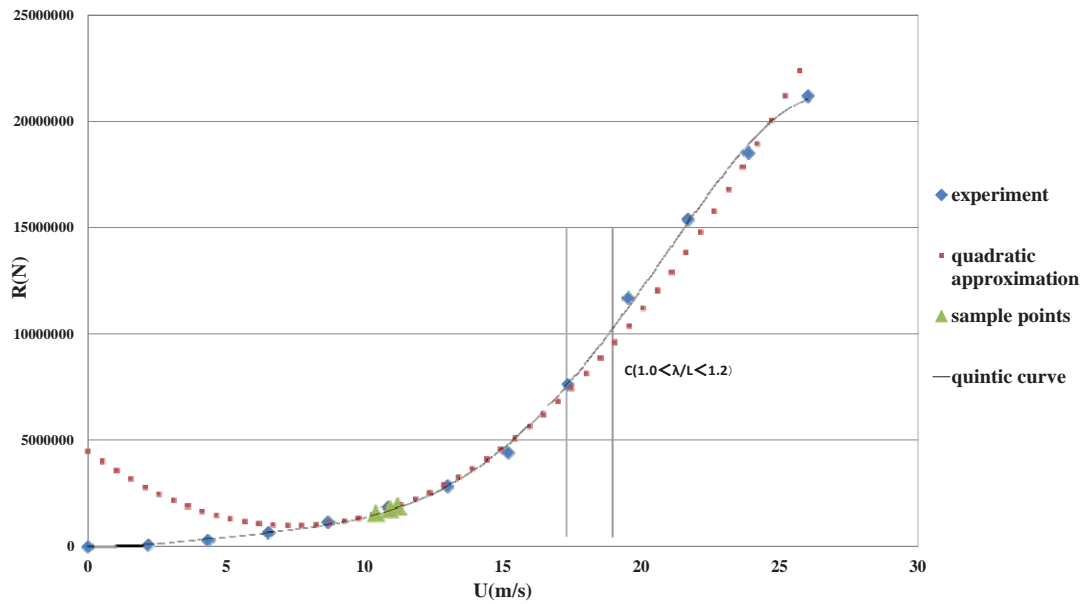


Figure 9 Calm-water resistance of the PCC

Furthermore, surf-riding probabilities of the sample ships are calculated with different calm-water modelling. The results shown in Figures 10-15 demonstrate that surf-riding probabilities with three speed sampling well agree with those with full range sampling. This could be because good agreement of calm-water resistance in the wave celerity range for wavelength to ship length ratio from 1.0 to 1.2, which is responsible for surf-riding prediction.

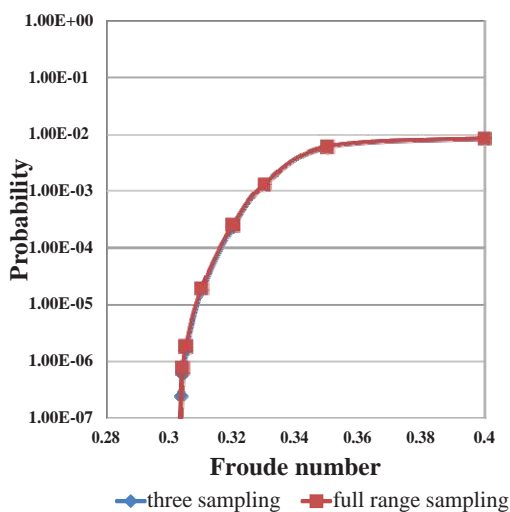


Figure 10 Effect of calm-water resistance modelling on surf-riding probability of the RoRo ship

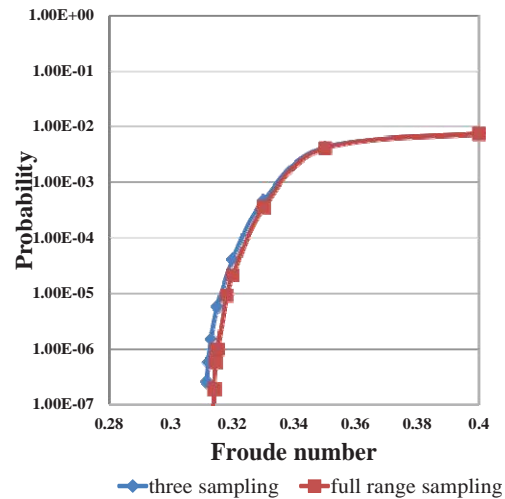


Figure 11 Effect of calm-water resistance modelling on surf-riding probability of the PCC

5. EFFECT OF STOCHASTIC WAVE THEORIE

In the draft criterion, it is necessary to calculate the joint probability density function of wave height and wavelength in a stationary seaway specified as a wave spectrum with Longuet-Higgins's work (1983) or equivalent. In 1957 Longuet-Higgins derived the formula by using the joint probability density of amplitude and phase of wave envelope. Here the relationship between the local wave period,

T , and wave envelope phase, ϕ , was simplified as

$$T = 2\pi / (\bar{\sigma} + \dot{\phi}) \quad (3)$$

$$\approx T_{01} (1 - \dot{\phi} / \bar{\sigma}) \quad (4)$$

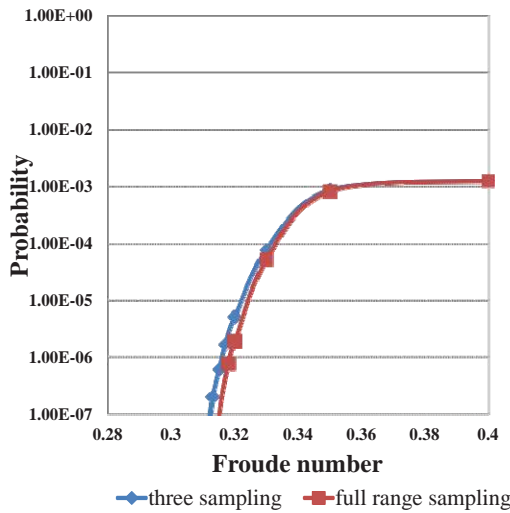


Figure 12 Effect of calm-water resistance modelling on surf-riding probability of the C11 class containership

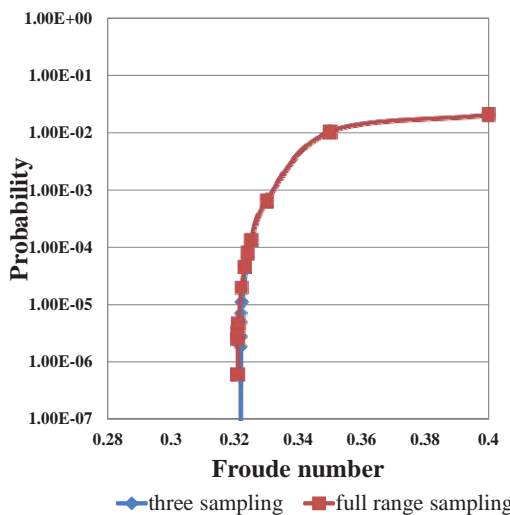


Figure 13 Effect of calm-water resistance modelling on surf-riding probability of the ITTC A1 containership

where T_{01} is the mean wave period, σ is the mean wave circular frequency and a dot indicates differentiation with time. Later on it

was pointed out that this formula cannot explain the physically observed fact that short local waves have smaller wave local height. Then, in 1983, Longuet-Higgins revised his own formula with more precise relationship between the local wave period and wave envelope phase, i.e. Equation (3) in place of Equation (4). As a result, he resolved the drawback of his original formula.

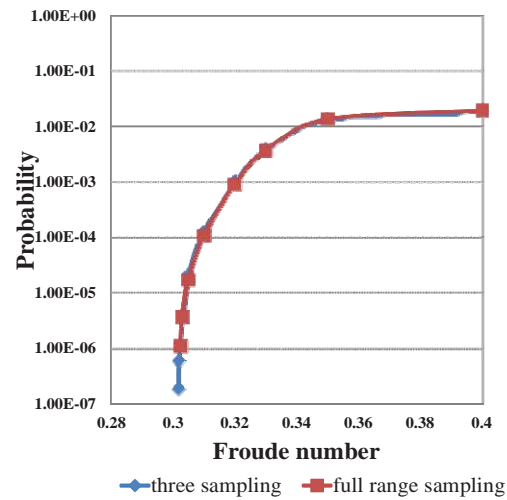


Figure 14 Effect of calm-water resistance modelling on surf-riding probability of the ONR flare topside vessel

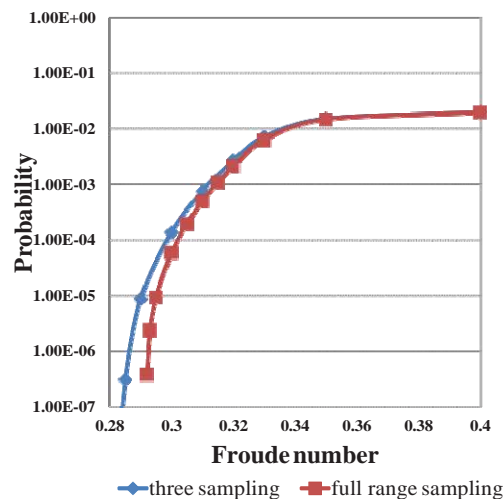


Figure 15 Effect of calm-water resistance modelling on surf-riding probability of the ONR tumblehome topside vessel

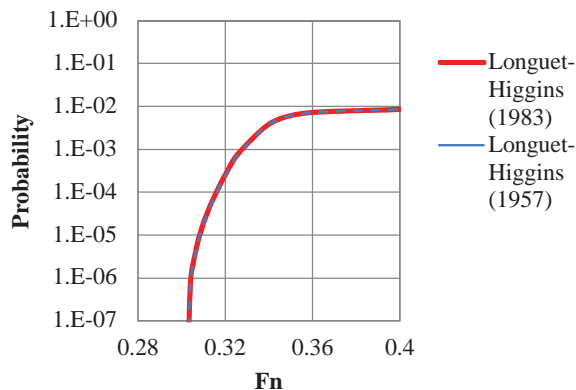


Figure 16 Effect of the wave probability formulae on surf-riding probability of the RoRo ship

It is indispensable for practical application of them to quantify effect of these two different formulae on surf-riding probability. Thus the authors executed comparison studies using the subject ships. The result shown in figure 16 as an example indicates the difference in surf-riding probability is negligibly small. This could be partly because the subject ships are longer so that they do not respond to smaller waves. Thus it can be presumed that at least the use of the formula in Longuet-Higgins (1983) is recommended although a similar study using a smaller ship is desirable.

6. RELATIONSHIPS WITH BROACHING

If a ship does not comply with the draft criterion for surf-riding, it is expected that her safety against capsizing due to surf-riding/broaching is examined with the direct stability assessment, in which failure probability in irregular seaways is directly estimated with a numerical time-domain simulation. This is because surf-riding is only a prerequisite for broaching or capsizing.

For verifying this approach, the authors calculate also probability of capsizing due to broaching in the North Atlantic. The calculation method used here was proposed and

validated with the Monte Carlo simulation by Umeda et al. (2007). The failure probability is calculated by integrating the probability density of local wave height and wavelength on the region in which capsizing due to broaching occurs in systematic time domain simulation using a coupled surge-sway-yaw-roll model with an autopilot in periodic waves. Here capsizing is defined as the roll angle of 90 degrees or over and the rudder gain is 1.

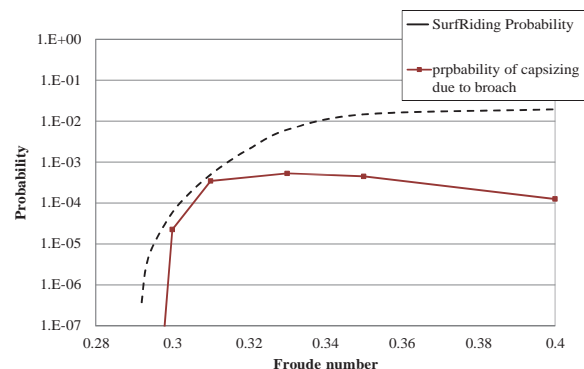


Figure 17 Comparisons between surf-riding probability and probability of capsizing due to broaching for the ONR tumblehome topside vessel.

The results shown in Figure 17 indicate that the probability of capsizing due to broaching is smaller than the surf-riding probability. Thus we can conclude that the draft criterion for surf-riding guarantees safety against capsizing due to broaching. It is noteworthy here that in critical speed range around the Froude number of 0.3 the difference between the two is rather small. This means that the safety margin is not so large.

7. CONCLUSIONS

For reasonably evaluating surf-riding probability to be used for design and operational criteria, diffraction effect on wave-induced surge force is indispensable, calm-water resistance can be modelled with model tests covering the Froude number up to 0.6 or standard speed/power trials and choice of stochastic wave theory is not crucial. The evaluated surf-riding probability is a conserva-



tive index for capsizing due to broach.

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Numerical Prediction of Parametric Roll Resonance in Oblique Waves

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ABSTRACT

Numerical prediction of parametric roll in head and following waves has been intensively investigated so that requirements for reasonably good prediction are almost revealed. On the other hand, prediction of parametric roll in oblique waves has not yet been sufficiently established. This is because coupling with sway and yaw motions are unavoidable. Since parametric roll for actual ships occurs with very low forward velocity, even accurate prediction of lee ways in waves is not so easy. Therefore, in this study, the authors present a numerical model of parametric roll in oblique waves with low-speed manoeuvring forces taken into account. Then the numerical prediction was compared with newly executed free-running model experiments of a hypothetical ship. Its results demonstrate the present model shows reasonably good agreement with the experiment. This information could be used for identifying minimum requirements for good prediction of parametric roll in oblique waves.

Keywords: *parametric rolling, IMO, Second generation intact stability criteria, direct stability assessment, operational guidance*

1. INTRODUCTION

Although danger of parametric rolling had been well known among scientists (e.g. Watanabe, 1934), the accident of a C11 class post Panamax containership (France, 2003) induced extensive studies on this phenomenon. As a result, several numerical models for parametric rolling were developed and some of them were well validated with model experiments in head and following waves (Reed, 2011). These models deal with coupled heave-pitch-roll motions by using simultaneous nonlinear differential equations and the hydrodynamic coefficients used in the equations are calculated with potential theories

and empirical viscos force estimation. Time dependence of roll restoring coefficient, including coupling from other modes and diffraction moment depending on heel angle, is indispensable.

Based on such progress in research for parametric rolling, at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), stability criteria for preventing parametric roll is now under development (Umeda, 2013). They consist of three layers: the first and second layers use simplified estimation of occurrence and magnitude of parametric roll in head and following waves with averaging method applied to uncoupled roll model with restoring variation; the third layer means direct use of numerical simulation in time domain of

coupled roll model in irregular waves. For the latter case, the numerical models mentioned before could be used. It is noteworthy here that the third layer requires not only calculation in head and following waves but also in oblique waves. This is because we have to evaluate safety for all ship courses. For oblique waves, validation efforts for existing numerical models Sanchez & Nayfeh, 1990; Neves & Valerio, 2000) were not sufficient so far partly because a model experiment requires a seakeeping and manoeuvring basin and partly because coupling with manoeuvring motion including rudder actions are unavoidable.

Based on this understanding, the authors attempted to validate a numerical simulation model taking low-speed manoeuvring model in oblique waves with a newly executed model experiment in a seakeeping and manoeuvring basin. This numerical model is an extension of the model published in Hashimoto and Umeda (2011) for head and following waves, which were well validated with model experiments of containerships and a car carrier in the towing tank of Osaka University. The ship used in this paper is a typical ship having large flare and transom stern, i.e. a hypothetical ship known as the ONR flare topside vessel, of which hull form is open for public. At this stage comparisons in regular oblique waves are ready to be published. Comparisons in irregular oblique waves are a task for future. In this paper, details of the numerical model are described for facilitating development of the guidelines for the direct assessment at the IMO.

2. NUMERICAL MODEL FOR PARAMETRIC ROLL IN OBLIQUE WAVES

2.1 Coordinate systems and equations of coupled motions

The coordinate systems used here are shown in Figure 1. The space-fixed coordinate system is $O_1-\xi\eta\zeta$, the coordinate system

moving with a constant speed of U and course of χ is O_2-XYZ and the body-fixed coordinate system is $G-xyz$. Here we assume that a wave propagates in the direction of $O_1\xi$ axis. The ship oscillates around the O_2-XYZ . G indicates the centre of ship mass and O_1G_0 indicates initial depth of centre of ship mass. The ship motions around the O_2-XYZ are denoted by x_i : surge ($i=1$), sway ($i=2$), heave ($i=3$), roll ($i=4$), pitch ($i=5$) and yaw ($i=6$).

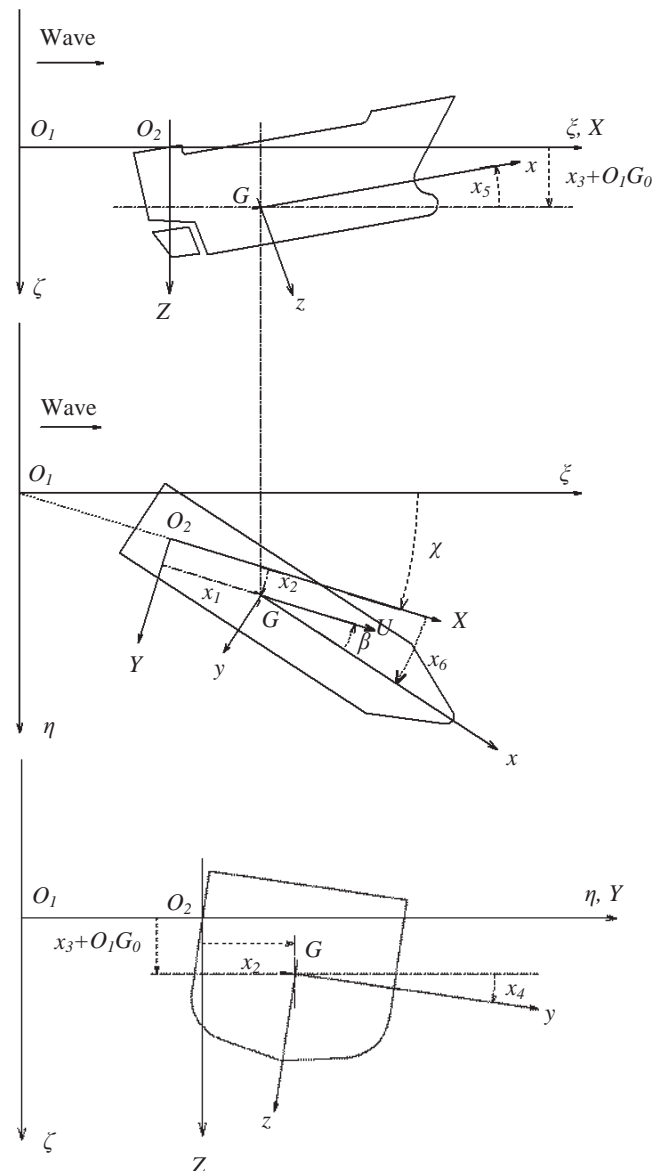


Figure 1 Coordinate systems

The coupled sway-heave-roll-pitch-yaw motions are modelled as follows:

$$\begin{cases} m\ddot{x}_2 = F_2(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3, \dot{x}_4, \dot{x}_5, \dot{x}_6, \ddot{x}_2, \ddot{x}_3, \ddot{x}_4, \ddot{x}_5, \ddot{x}_6, t) \\ m\ddot{x}_3 = F_3(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3, \dot{x}_4, \dot{x}_5, \dot{x}_6, \ddot{x}_2, \ddot{x}_3, \ddot{x}_4, \ddot{x}_5, \ddot{x}_6, t) \\ I_{xx}\ddot{x}_4 = F_4(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3, \dot{x}_4, \dot{x}_5, \dot{x}_6, \ddot{x}_2, \ddot{x}_3, \ddot{x}_4, \ddot{x}_5, \ddot{x}_6, t) \\ I_{yy}\ddot{x}_5 = F_5(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3, \dot{x}_4, \dot{x}_5, \dot{x}_6, \ddot{x}_2, \ddot{x}_3, \ddot{x}_4, \ddot{x}_5, \ddot{x}_6, t) \\ I_{zz}\ddot{x}_6 = F_6(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dot{x}_2, \dot{x}_3, \dot{x}_4, \dot{x}_5, \dot{x}_6, \ddot{x}_2, \ddot{x}_3, \ddot{x}_4, \ddot{x}_5, \ddot{x}_6, t) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where m : ship mass, I_{xx} : moment of inertia of ship mass in roll, I_{yy} : moment of inertia of ship mass in pitch, I_{zz} : moment of inertia of ship mass in yaw, t : time and F_j : force or moment in the j direction. A dot denotes differentiation with time. Here we assume that the surge motion x_1 is zero, for avoiding estimation of added mass, so that the ship runs with a constant velocity and a straight course. The forces are modelled with Equation (2).

$$F_j = F_j^R + F_j^B + F_j^{FK} + F_j^D + F_j^{EG} + F_j^{MLS} + F_j^{DEL} \quad (2)$$

where the superscript R indicates the radiation component, B the component due to hydrostatic pressure, FK the component due to incident wave pressure, D the diffraction component, EG component due to gravity, MLS the hull force due to manoeuvring motion and DEL the force due to rudder action.

2.2 Buoyancy and Froude-Krylov Forces

If we assume incident waves are sinusoidal, their profile, ζ_w , and wave pressure, p , are given by Equations (3-4).

$$\zeta_w = \zeta_a \cos\left(\frac{\omega_k^2}{g} \xi - \omega_k t\right) \quad (3)$$

$$p = \rho g \zeta_a \exp\left(-\frac{\omega_k^2}{g}(\xi - \zeta_w)\right) \cos\left(\frac{\omega_k^2}{g} \xi - \omega_k t\right) \quad (4)$$

where ρ : water density, ζ_a : wave amplitude, g : gravitational acceleration, ω_k : wave circular frequency and t : time. Here water pressure is adjusted to be zero at the wave surface

although this is a higher order correction under the assumption of small wave steepness.

Then submerged hull surface, S_H , can be determined with Equation (5).

$$S_H = S_H(\zeta_G, \xi_w, x_3, x_4, x_5) \quad (5)$$

By integrating the water pressure on the wetted hull surface, the buoyancy, F_j^B , and Froude-Krylov forces, F_j^{FK} , can be calculated as follows:

$$F_j^B = \rho g \int_L dx \int_{S_H} -\zeta n_j ds \quad (6)$$

$$F_j^{FK} = -\int_L \int_{S_H} p n_j ds dx \quad (7)$$

where L indicates the range of hull in x direction. The gravitational force, F_3^{EG} , in the vertical direction are given by

$$F_3^{EG} = mg \quad (8).$$

2.3 Radiation and Diffraction Forces

The radiation force, F_i^R , can be calculated as follows:

$$F_i^R = \sum_{j=2}^6 (-A_{ij}(x_4) \ddot{x}_j - B_{ij}(x_4) \dot{x}_j - C_{ij}(x_4) x_j) \quad (9)$$

where the added mass, A_{ij} , the wave damping coefficient, B_{ij} , and the restoring coefficient, C_{ij} , are given by

$$A_{22} = \int_L A_{H22} dx, A_{23} = \int_L A_{H23} dx, A_{24} = \int_L A_{H24} dx$$

$$A_{25} = -\int_L x A_{H23} dx, A_{26} = \int_L x A_{H22} dx$$

$$A_{32} = \int_L A_{H32} dx, A_{33} = \int_L A_{H33} dx, A_{34} = \int_L A_{H34} dx$$

$$A_{35} = -\int_L x A_{H33} dx, A_{36} = \int_L x A_{H32} dx$$

$$A_{42} = \int_L A_{H42} dx, A_{43} = \int_L A_{H43} dx$$



$$A_{45} = -\int_L x A_{H43} dx, \quad A_{46} = \int_L x A_{H42} dx$$

$$A_{52} = -\int_L x A_{H32} dx, \quad A_{53} = -\int_L x A_{H33} dx$$

$$A_{54} = -\int_L x A_{H34} dx$$

$$A_{55} = \int_L x^2 A_{H33} dx, \quad A_{56} = -\int_L x^2 A_{H32} dx$$

$$A_{62} = \int_L x A_{H22} dx, \quad A_{63} = \int_L x A_{H23} dx, \quad A_{64} = \int_L x A_{H24} dx$$

$$A_{65} = -\int_L x^2 A_{H23} dx, \quad A_{66} = \int_L x^2 A_{H22} dx$$

$$B_{22} = \int_L B_{H22} dx, \quad B_{23} = \int_L B_{H23} dx, \quad B_{24} = \int_L B_{H24} dx$$

$$B_{25} = -\int_L x B_{H23} dx + U \int_L A_{H23} dx$$

$$B_{26} = \int_L x B_{H22} dx - U \int_L A_{H22} dx$$

$$B_{32} = \int_L B_{H32} dx, \quad B_{33} = \int_L B_{H33} dx, \quad B_{34} = \int_L B_{H34} dx$$

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$$B_{64} = \int_L x B_{H24} dx + U \int_L A_{H24} dx$$

$$B_{65} = -\int_L x^2 B_{H23} dx, \quad B_{66} = \int_L x^2 B_{H22} dx$$

$$C_{25} = U \int_L B_{H23} dx, \quad C_{26} = -U \int_L B_{H22} dx$$

$$C_{35} = U \int_L B_{H33} dx$$

$$C_{45} = U \int_L B_{H43} dx$$

$$C_{46} = -U \int_L B_{H42} dx$$

$$C_{55} = -U \int_L x B_{H33} dx - U^2 \int_L A_{H33} dx$$

$$C_{56} = U \int_L x B_{H32} dx + U^2 \int_L A_{H32} dx$$

$$C_{65} = U \int_L x B_{H23} dx + U^2 \int_L A_{H23} dx$$

$$C_{66} = -U \int_L x B_{H22} dx - U^2 \int_L A_{H22} dx$$

$$A_{Hij} - i \frac{B_{Hij}}{\omega} = -\rho \int_{S_H} \varphi_j n_i ds$$

Here φ_j and n_i are the velocity potential of two-dimensional flow with hull and linear free surface condition and normal vector to the hull surface. The added mass and damping in roll are estimated as follows:

$$I_{xx} + A_{44} = W \cdot GM \left(\frac{T_\phi}{2\pi} \right)^2 \quad (10)$$

$$B_{44} \dot{x}_4 = \alpha \dot{x}_4 + \beta |\dot{x}_4| \dot{x}_4 + \gamma \dot{x}_4^3 \quad (11).$$

The α , β , γ and T_ϕ can be estimated with roll decay test of a ship model.

The diffraction force, F_j^D , can be calculated as follows (Salvesen et al., 1970):

$$F_j^D = \zeta_a F_{kj}^D(x_4) \cos(-\omega_e t - \varepsilon_{kj}^D(x_4)) \quad (12)$$

where

$$F_{kj}^D = |E_{kj}^D|$$



$$\varepsilon_{kj}^D = \arg E_{kj}^D$$

$$E_{kj}^D = \frac{\rho g \zeta_a}{i\omega} \int_L \int_{S_H} (i\omega_k - U \frac{\partial}{\partial x}) \varphi_D n_j ds$$

$$\omega_e = \omega_k - (\omega_k^2 / g) U \cos \chi$$

And φ_D is the diffraction velocity potential of two-dimensional flow with hull and linear free surface condition in incident waves.

2.4 Manoeuvring Forces

Since parametric roll occurs at low speed, it is desirable to estimate manoeuvring forces with a mathematical model suitable for such situation where ship forward velocity is comparable to ship lateral velocity (Umeda & Yamakoshi, 1989). The hull manoeuvring forces, F_i^{MLS} , can be estimated as the sum of linear lift components, Y_L and N_L , and nonlinear cross-flow drag components, Y_C and N_C , as follows:

$$F_2^{MLS} = Y_C + Y_L$$

$$F_6^{MLS} = N_C + N_L \quad (13)$$

where

$$Y_C = \frac{1}{2} \rho \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} d \cdot C_D |v + rx| (v + rx) dx$$

$$N_C = \frac{1}{2} \rho \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} d \cdot C_D |v + rx| (v + rx) x dx$$

$$Y_L = Y_v v + Y_r r$$

$$N_L = N_v v + N_r r$$

$$u = (U + \dot{x}_1) \cos x_6 + \dot{x}_2 \sin x_6$$

$$v = -(U + \dot{x}_1) \sin x_6 + \dot{x}_2 \cos x_6$$

$$r = \dot{x}_6$$

$$Y_v = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho L_{pp}^2 d \cdot u \right) \cdot Y_v'$$

$$N_v = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho L_{pp}^2 d \cdot u \right) \cdot N_v'$$

$$Y_r = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho L_{pp}^2 d \cdot u \right) \cdot Y_r'$$

$$N_r = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho L_{pp}^3 d \cdot u \right) \cdot N_r'$$

Here u and v are the surge and sway velocity defined with the body-fixed coordinate system G-xyz, respectively. C_D is the cross-flow drag coefficient when the ship is laterally towed.

The rudder-induced forces, F_i^{DEL} , are calculated as follows:

$$F_2^{DEL} = -(1 + a_H) \frac{1}{2} \rho A_R u_R^2 f_\alpha \delta$$

$$F_6^{DEL} = -(x_R + a_H x_H) \frac{1}{2} \rho A_R u_R^2 f_\alpha \delta \quad (14)$$

where

$$\delta = -K_p x_6$$

$$u_R = \varepsilon u_p \sqrt{1 + \frac{8K_T}{\pi J^2}}$$

$$u_p = (1 - w_p) U$$

$$J = \frac{u_p}{n D_p}$$

$$K_T = a J^2 + b J + c$$

$$u_R = \varepsilon u_p \sqrt{1 + \frac{8}{\pi} \left(a + \frac{b}{J} + \frac{c}{J^2} \right)}$$

$$= \varepsilon u_p \sqrt{1 + \frac{8}{\pi} \left(a + \frac{b n D}{u_p} + \frac{c n^2 D^2}{u_p^2} \right)}$$

$$= \varepsilon u_p \sqrt{u_p^2 + \frac{8}{\pi} (a u_p^2 + b n D u_p + c n^2 D^2)}$$

Here δ : rudder angle, a_H : the interaction factor for rudder force between hull and rudder, x_H : the longitudinal position of rudder force due to

interaction between hull and rudder, x_R : the longitudinal rudder position, A_R : the rudder area, f_{α} : the hydrodynamic rudder lift slope, K_P : the rudder gain, n : the propeller revolution number, D_P : the propeller diameter, K_T : the rudder gain, ε : the wake ratio between propeller and rudder. The flow straightening effect is ignored.

The system parameters for manoeuvring forces and moments, such as C_D and Y_v , can be estimated with captive model experiment of a ship. In this paper, we used the coefficients measured in the circular motion tests of the C11 class post Panamax containership, whose hull form is similar to the ONR flare topside vessel.

3. MODEL EXPERIMENTS

For validating a numerical model for parametric rolling in oblique waves, experiments using a 1/48.8 scaled model of the 154m-long ONR flare topside vessel were executed at the seakeeping and manoeuvring basin of National Research Institute of Fisheries Engineering, based on the ITTC recommended procedure on intact stability model test (ITTC, 2008). The ship was propelled with an electric motor and two propellers and steered with two rudders. The propeller RPM was controlled to be a constant and the auto pilot was used with the rudder gain of 1.0. The roll, pitch and yaw angles were measured by a fibre optical gyroscope.

Table1 Principal Particulars of the ONR Flare topside vessel

Length : L_{pp}	154.0 [m]	3.158 [m]
Breadth : B	19.65 [m]	0.403 [m]
Depth : D	15.2 [m]	0.312 [m]
Draught : d	5.753 [m]	0.118 [m]
Displacement : W	9733 [ton]	83.93 [kg]
Longitudinal position of center of buoyancy from the midship : LCB	6.45 [m] aft	0.132 [m] aft
Radius of gyration in pitch : K_{yy}/L_{pp}	0.272	0.272
Block coefficient : C_b	0.536	0.536
Metacentric height : GM	0.8095 [m]	0.0166 [m]
Natural roll period : T_{ϕ}	21.11[s]	3.023 [s]

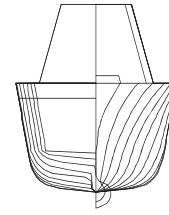


Figure 2 Body plan of the the ONR Flare topside vessel

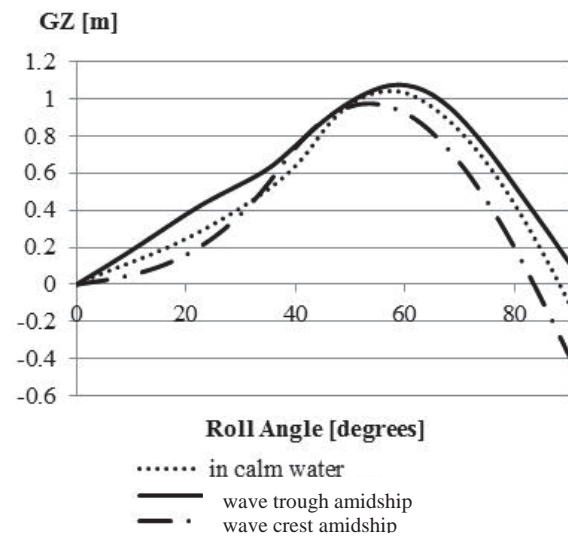


Figure 3 GZ variations of the ONR flare topside vessel in longitudinal waves whose wavelength to ship length ratio is 1.25 and the wave steepness is 0.03.

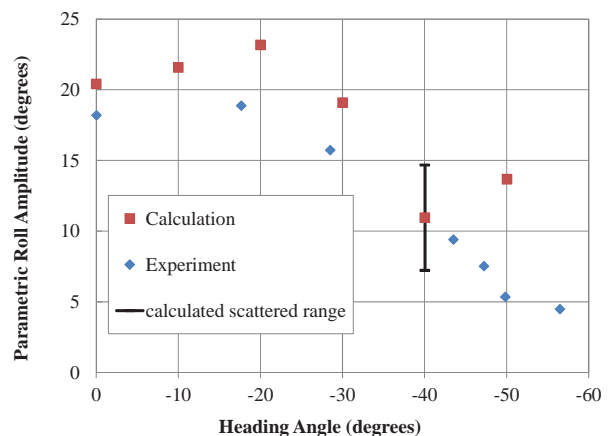


Figure 4 Steady amplitude of parametric roll in oblique waves.

The principal particulars and body plan of the subject ship are shown in Table 1 and Figure 2, respectively.

The experiment shown here is executed for regular astern waves. The wavelength to ship length ratio is 1.25 and the wave steepness is 0.03. Under this wave condition, the GZ curve of this vessel definitely changes due to longitudinal waves as shown in Figure 3. The auto pilot course ranges from 0 degrees from the wave direction to 70 degrees but no parametric roll occurred for the auto pilot course of 70 degrees. The propeller RPS is set to be 72, which corresponds to the Froude number of 0.05 in calm water. In addition, speed trials, roll decay tests and propeller open test were executed for this ship model.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The numerical results are compared with the experimental results as shown in Figure 4. Here the steady amplitude for each condition is plotted. An example of numerical runs is shown in Figure 5. In this case the roll motion is settled to a steady periodic state. The roll period is twice the pitch period, and is nearly equal to the ship natural roll period. Thus this can be judged as a typical parametric rolling. Similarly, in the auto pilot course of -30 degrees the steady periodic state was simulated as shown in Figure 6. However, in case of the auto pilot course of -40 degrees as shown in Figure 7, the calculated roll angle does not settled to a periodic state. Similar complicate response was reported by Hashimoto & Umeda (2004) with an uncoupled roll model with parametric and direct excitation. Thus this could be a future task with nonlinear dynamics.

The calculated values slightly overestimate the measured values. Good agreement between the two can be found at the heading angle of 0 degrees but some discrepancies can be found in case of oblique waves. The heading angle is rather different from the specified autopilot course. This could indicate that steady wave

forces and manoeuvring forces could have some roles.

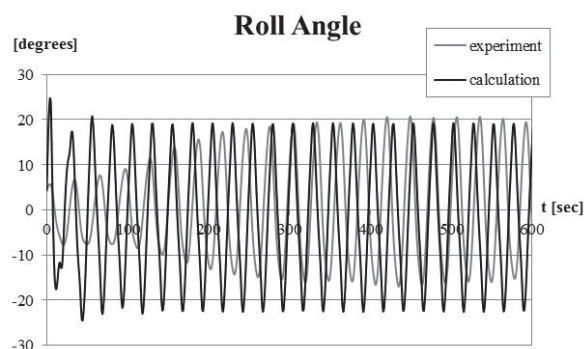


Figure 5 Time series of roll and pitch angles with the auto pilot course of -10 degrees.

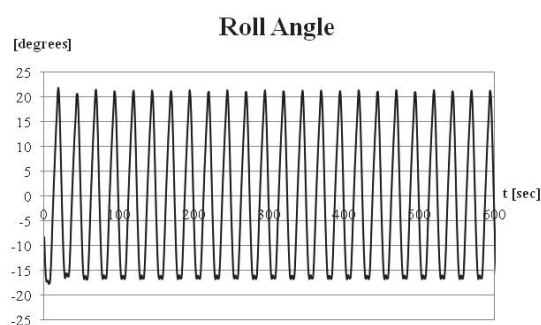


Figure 6 Time series of roll angle with the auto pilot course of -30 degrees.

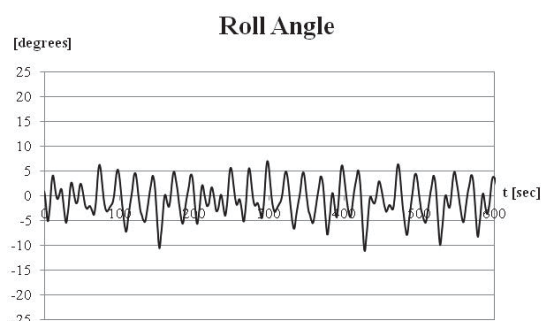


Figure 7 Time series of roll angle with the auto pilot course of -40 degrees.

The largest roll amplitude occurs at the heading angle different from head waves both



in experiment and calculation. However, when the heading angle further increases, the roll amplitude decreases. This is due to the shift of encounter frequency together with the reduction of roll restoring variation.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Parametric roll in regular oblique waves was realised in free-running model experiments. The 5 degrees-of-freedom numerical model slightly overestimates the experimental results. The numerical model used here includes nonlinear Froude-Krylov components, radiation / diffraction components as functions of roll angle and manoeuvring forces. The roll amplitude decreases with the increasing heading angle but the largest roll occurs with non-head waves. Non periodic roll response was found in one case of numerical simulation. Following this preliminary validation, wider validation studies in oblique waves will be executed with different ships and different wave heading in the near future.

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Numerical Simulation of the Ship Roll Damping

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ABSTRACT

The roll damping is a critical hydrodynamic coefficient for predicting roll motion. In this paper, the forced roll motion of a 2-dimensional ship section and free roll motion of a 3-dimensionial hull are simulated based on the RANS model in calm water. For the forced rolling, firstly, the influences of different calculation parameters are investigated through the methods of orthogonal design and variance analysis. Then the simulations about different roll amplitudes are carried out based on the selected parameters. For the free rolling, the free decay experiments and numerical simulations are performed. These calculated results are agreed well with experimental data, which validate the presented method can yield satisfactory results for roll damping coefficients.

Keywords: *roll damping; RANS; forced rolling; free rolling*

1. INTRODUCTION

The roll damping is a critical hydrodynamic coefficient for predicting roll motion, such as parametric rolling and stability under dead ship condition. The roll damping coefficient should be predicted with high accuracy. The vulnerability criteria are under development by the International Organization (IMO) of the second generation of intact stability criteria, in which the roll damping have been calculated by Ikeda's (1977, 1978, 1979, 2000, 2004) simplified method. These formulas can be used quite well for the conventional ship, but the predicted results are sometimes conservative or underestimated for unconventional ships (Japan, 2011a, Japan, 2011b, Sweden, 2011). This is because the roll damping is strongly nonlinear, which has some direct relationships with fluid viscosity and flow characteristics, such as the flow separation and vortex shedding. So the experience or semi-experience formulas can't

take the full consideration of different characteristics for different objects. The calculated results of most traditional ships by Ikeda's method can fit experimental data well at the same order magnitude. However, if the size is outside the application range of Ikeda's method, or for the large amplitude roll motion in some phenomena, such as parametric rolling, the accuracy will be low in these conditions, which limit the scope of application of Ikeda's method.

The corresponding group of IMO proposed that the roll damping could be calculated by roll decay / forced roll test or CFD (United States & Japan, 2014). Although the model tests can predict the roll damping very well, but it is costly and time-consuming as well as most of experimental data are limited to a certain frequency range and particular geometry, which is impossible for the large-scale



expansion of the application (Blok & Aalbers, 1991, Haddara & Bass, 1988).

The influence of viscosity should be considered during the calculation of roll damping. The CFD numerical simulation can consider different objects and its characteristic, which can also reduce the cost. With the development of CFD technology, the turbulent models have been improved, such as RANS model, discrete vortex method. In addition, the fine structure of the flow field can also be analyzed by CFD, so CFD could be widely used to predict roll damping. Forced roll method and free decay method are two main methods for calculation of the roll damping.

K.B.Salui et al. (2000), Ronald et al. (2002), Miller&Stern (2002), Salui & Vassalos (2003), Frederick Jaouen et al.(2011) simulated forced roll motions for different kinds of ship or two-dimensional ship sections using the RANS model. Wilson et al. (2006) predicted the roll decay of a DTMB Model 5512 hull based on the RANS technique. Miller et al. (2008) conducted roll decay and forced roll simulations using DTMB Model 5415 based on the RANS approach. Sun kyun Lee et al. (2011) performed CFD simulations for the roll damping of a damaged passenger ship by solving RANS equations. These results are in good agreement with the experimental data. The above analysis proved that the roll damping coefficients can be accurately solved using RANS approach.

In this paper, firstly the forced motions of two dimensional ship section of Series 60 based on the orthogonal design and variance analysis are carried out, in which different calculation parameters for roll damping are analyzed. Secondly, the free motions of a three dimensional 4250TEU containership have been simulated. The comparisons between the computed results and the experimental results proved that the roll damping can be predicted by RANS-based method. These can provide

technical support for the development of second generation intact stability criteria.

2. FORCED ROLLING

For the forced roll motion, the section of Series 60 is chosen, as experimental tests on its forced roll have been conducted by Ikeda (Ikeda et al. 1977). The same principles are used in the simulations, as shown in table 1. During the calculation, the roll center is located in the intersection between waterline and mid-perpendicular. The formula (1) is used for the roll motion. Then formula (2) is used to get the dynamic moment. Finally, formulas (3) are used to get the roll damping coefficients and non-dimensional coefficients.

Table 1 Principal particulars of S.S.5.

Section	B	T	KG
S.S.5	0.237m	0.096m	0.096m

Where B is the width of model; T is the draught; KG is the vertical height of center of gravity.

$$\phi = \phi_0 \sin(\alpha t) \quad (1)$$

$$M_d(t) = \iint_s (\tau_y z - \tau_z y) ds + \iint_s p_d (n_z y - n_y z) ds \quad (2)$$

$$B_{44} = \frac{MR}{\omega \phi_0} \Rightarrow \hat{B}_{44} = \frac{B_{44}}{\rho \nabla B^2} \sqrt{\frac{B}{2g}} \quad (3)$$

Where ϕ_0 is the initial roll amplitude, ε is the initial phase, τ is the shear stress on the surface of the hull, p_d is the dynamic pressure on the surface of the hull, M_d is the instant roll moment at the maximum rolling angular velocity, ∇ is the volume for the model.

Table 2 Calculation conditions

Cases	$\bar{\omega}$	ϕ_0 (rad)
1	0.58	0.1
2	0.58	0.15
3	0.58	0.175

The calculation conditions are shown in table 2. Where $\bar{\omega} = \omega\sqrt{B/2g}$, ω is the frequency of rolling. We can see that the non-dimensional frequency ($\bar{\omega}$) is equal to 0.58, and the initial roll amplitudes are 0.1rad, 0.15rad, 0.175rad, 0.22rad respectively.

2.1 Orthogonal design

The simulation results can be affected by different parameters, such as the mesh quantity, mesh quality(y^+), turbulent mode, boundary condition and discretization method. In order to find out the best combination of these parameters, we choose the initial roll amplitude $\phi_0 = 0.175\text{rad}$ to analyze these influencing factors based on the orthogonal design and variance analysis. According to the previous studies, the values of y^+ are always very small during the forced roll motion, especially for ships with bilge keels, so the enhance wall function is used, in which y^+ is approximately 1. The discretization method is SIMPLE which has a wide application. Finally, we focus our attentions on the following factors: mesh quantity, turbulent model and boundary condition.

The ship section is 16m, so we chose a circular section as the calculating domain, whose diameter is approximately 12.5 times of the model's width ($D \approx 12.5B$), and the boundary conditions including 3 parts: (1) the upper boundary of the circular domain; (2) the bottom boundary of circular domain; (3) the section surface, as shown in figure 1.

For the part of mesh quantity, we choose 10 thousands mesh as a benchmark. Three

different kinds of mesh quantities are 10 thousands, 20 thousands and 40 thousands based on the geometric proportion increasing and decreasing design, as shown in figure 2. The selection of turbulent model should consider the practicality and efficiency. In this paper, we studied standard $k-\omega$ model (s $k-\omega$), SST $k-\omega$ and RNG $k-\epsilon$. The boundary conditions are all walls, all velocity-inlet, the bottom boundary of circular domains wall and the upper boundary of circular domains pressure-outlet, respectively.

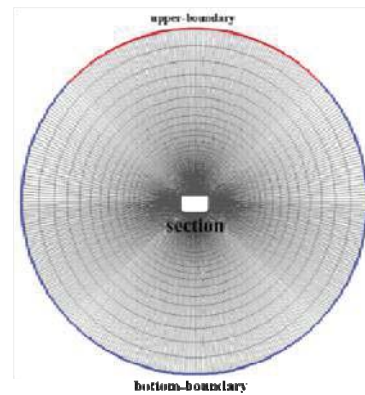


Fig.1 The boundary conditions

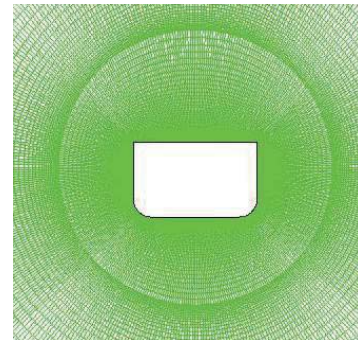


Fig.2 The part of the calculating domain (mesh quantity=40 thousands)

According to above analysis, we can get the table of factors and levels, as shown in table 3. The orthogonal layout and the two columns interaction layout $L_{27}(3^{13})$ are selected after considering the columns and degrees (Wei & Wu, 2013), and the layout is shown in table 4, in which the 9,10,12,13 are blank columns (error columns).

Table 3 Factors and levels



Level	Factor			2	A2: 20t	B2: s k- ω	C2: 2 vel
	A:Mesh quantity	B:Mesh quality	C:Boundary condition	3	A3: 40t	B3:RNG k- ϵ	C3: 1wall+1pre
1	A1: 10t	B1:sst k- ω	C1: 2 walls				

Table 4 Top design of the calculation program

Factor	A	B	(A×B) ₁	(A×B) ₂	C	(A×C) ₁	(A×C) ₂	(B×C) ₁	(B×C) ₂				
Num	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

2.2 Variance analysis

The numerical simulations for the combination of different parameters have been conducted based on RANS model. The VOF method is used for the free surface modeling. The pressure-correction algorithm of SIMPLE type is used for the pressure-velocity coupling. The modified HRIC is used for the discretization of VOF equation, and the dynamic mesh technique is used by UDF. The non-dimensional roll damping coefficients can be got by formula (3). We selected several y^+ values from two calculating cases, and the results show that the enhanced wall function was appropriate, as shown in figure 3.

The non-dimensional coefficients were got for different computational schemes. Then the

significance of the test was investigated through the table of variance analysis, as shown in table 5. During the variance analysis, the relative errors between simulation results and experimental results were adopted as the analyze benchmark.

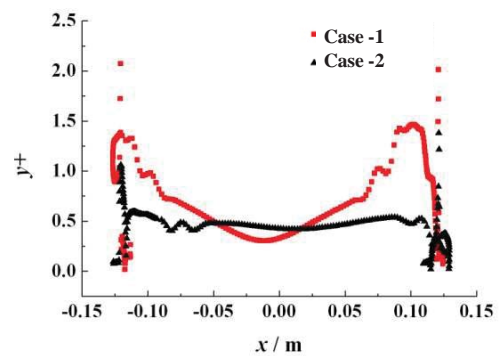


Fig. 3 The value of y^+

Table 5 Variance analysis

Soruce of variation	Quadratic sum-S	Degree of freedom-f	Mean square-V	F	Significance	F_a
A	0.61	2	0.30	10.64	**	$F_{0.05}(2,12)=3.89$
B	0.47	2	0.23	8.18	**	
C	0.34	2	0.17	5.86	*	$F_{0.01}(2,12)=6.93$
A×B	0.52	4	0.13	4.52	*	
A×C	0.17	4	0.04	1.45		$F_{0.05}(4,12)=3.26$
B×C	2.12	4	0.53	18.50	**	
e	0.61	2	0.30			$F_{0.01}(4,12)=5.41$

The values of F showed that the factor B×C (the interaction between turbulent model and boundary condition), the factor A (mesh quantity) and the factor B (turbulent model) have large influence on the results. The factor A×B (the interaction between mesh quantity and turbulent model) and the factor C (boundary condition) also have effects on the results, but the effects are not obvious compared with the above three factors.

The collocation table of B and C was listed to seek the best combination, as shown in table 6. The results showed that the combination of B1 and C1, B1 and C2 were both available. However, we find that the combination of B1 and C1 was easier to convergence and the computational process was more stable during the calculation, so we choose the combination of B1 and C1 as the best combination.

Table 6 The match of B and C

	B1	B2	B3
C1	0.33	1.76	1.23
C2	1.35	2.79	2.26
C3	0.25	1.69	1.16

Statistical hypothesis: the influence of controlled and control factors on results have no significant difference.

This hypothesis can be proved by formula (4). The results showed that the factors are significant differences, which meanings other factors which have not been taken into consideration have little effect on the results during our numerical simulation. Therefore the appropriate turbulent model and boundary condition as well as the mesh quantity can get good results on forced roll simulations. We should note that the enhanced wall function is adopted during the calculation. Otherwise, the results were not consistent with the actual situation. This means the mesh quality (y^+) has the most important effect on the results. The current results can only be adopted on the premise of the guarantee of y^+ .

$$F = \frac{\sum S / \sum f}{S_e / f_e} = 8.18 > \begin{cases} F_{0.01}(18,8) = 5.41 \\ F_{0.05}(18,8) = 3.17 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

From the above analysis we see that: on the guarantee of y^+ , the design of A2 (40 thousands mesh), B1 (SST k- ω), C1 (all boundary conditions are walls) is the best combination.

2.3 The calculation results and analysis

Based on the above combination, more research about other conditions were conducted, and the results are shown in figure 4. This figure shows a comparison between the numerical simulation results and experimental results, we can see that the results are in good accordance with the experimental results, so the combination is feasible.

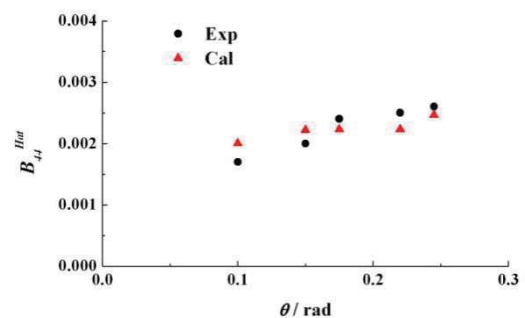


Fig.4 The non-dimensional damping coefficients for different roll amplitudes

3. THE FREE ROLLING

For the free roll decay motion, the object is a 4250TEU containership due to the availability of experimental data for validation. The free roll decay simulations were performed based on the unsteady RANS model and compared to experimental data.

3.1 Experiment

The principal particulars and body plan of this containership are shown in table 7 and figure 5, respectively. Roll decay experiments were performed with a 1/62.97 scaled model at the seakeeping basin (length: 69m, breadth: 46m, height: 4m) of CSSRC (China Ship Scientific Research Center), as shown in figure 6. The initial roll angle was 25 degrees in calm water.

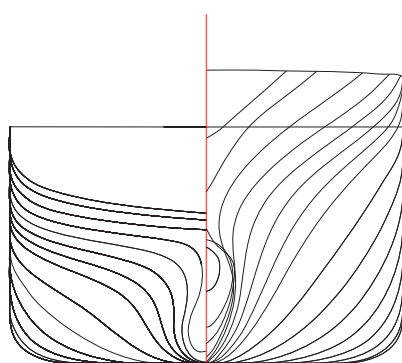


Fig. 5 Lines of 4250TEU containership

Table 7 Principal particulars of the 4250TEU Containership

Items	Ship	Model
Length: L	251.88m	4.0m
Draft: T	12.6m	0.2m
Breadth: B	32.2m	0.511m
Depth: D	19.3m	0.3065m
GM	1.62m	0.0257m
T_{φ}	21.19s	2.7s
K_{vv}	0.3L	0.3L



Fig.6 The ship model in free decay test

3.2 Simulation

In this paper, the simulations of roll decay at 25 degrees initial roll angle in calm water were performed. During the simulation, the VOF method is used for the free surface modeling. A pressure-correction algorithm of SIMPLE type is used for the pressure-velocity coupling. The SST $k-\omega$ model is incorporated for turbulence modeling. The solution domain is formed in two parts: the first part (S1) moves with the body, and the second part (S2) is fixed, as shown in figure 7. For the purpose of wave absorption, two artificial damping zones were located at the second part (S2), which is far away from the hull.

3.3 Comparison

The results of numerical simulations of roll decay histories were compared with the experimental results, as shown in figure 8. It shows that the period agrees well with the experimental data with the growth of the time. However, the amplitude of CFD becomes a little larger than the experiment. The future calculations are needed to verify these phenomena.

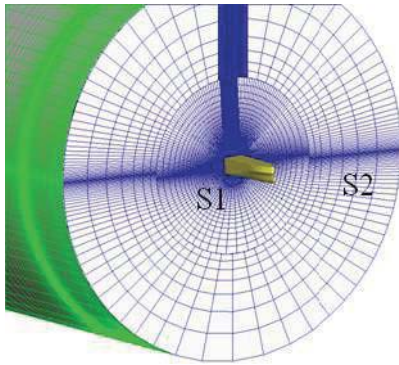


Fig. 7 The solution domain in free decay

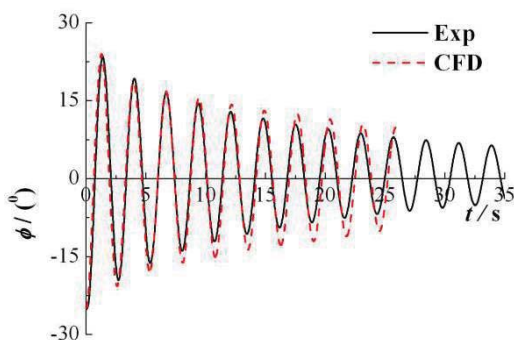


Fig. 8 The comparison of experimental results and numerical simulation of free decay

4. CONCLUSIONS

As a result of experimental and numerical study on roll damping by the forced rolling with two dimensional ship sections of Series 60 and by the free rolling with a 3-dimensional hull based on the RANS model, the following remarks are noted:

- 1) For the forced motion, an applicable results of roll damping can be got based on the combination of enhance wall function, SST $k-\omega$ model, the wall boundary conditions as well as the appropriate mesh quantity.
- 2) For the free roll motion, the roll motion of a 3-dimensional hull based on the RANS model in calm water was simulated, and the results were in reasonable agreement with the experimental results.

3) Both the forced rolling and free rolling based on RANS approach have the abilities to predict the roll damping.

4) More works should be made in future to improve calculating accuracy of roll damping, especially for free roll motion condition.

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Investigation of the Applicability of the IMO Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria to Fishing Vessels

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ABSTRACT

In this work, the vulnerability of seven fishing vessels of mid and small size, representative of the Spanish fleet, to some of the failure modes covered by the IMO Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria, has been studied. The latest draft proposals for Level 1 and 2 checks for parametric roll, pure loss of stability and dead-ship condition, as presented in the IMO SDC 1 (2013), have been applied to the aforementioned sample vessels. The results are commented, and some notes regarding the applicability of this criteria as a design tool are also included.

Keywords: *Second generation intact stability criteria, parametric roll, pure loss of stability, dead ship condition, fishing vessels stability*

1. INTRODUCTION

The Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria have been under development by the IMO SLF Sub-Committee for the last ten years, beginning in the 48th session of the SLF (Peters *et al.*, 2011). The main aim of these criteria is to increase the ship safety by quantifying its tendency to experiencing one of the so called failure modes. These are basically dynamic instabilities derived from the interaction while sailing between the ship and the waves and wind, and which are not covered by the traditional intact stability requirements. These failure modes include five phenomena: parametric roll resonance, loss of stability in stern waves, broaching, dead-ship condition and excessive accelerations.

The structure of the criteria is the same for all the aforementioned failure modes. They

follow a three level arrangement: the Level 1 represents the easiest method of evaluation, and also the most conservative one. If the vessel fails to comply with Level 1, a Level 2 check has to be carried out, where a more detailed evaluation, also more complicated, is proposed. Finally, if the vessel is also found to be vulnerable under Level 2 criteria, a direct assessment has to be done, where stability operational guidelines have to be developed from the detailed analysis of more realistic sailing situations.

Regarding the development of the criteria, their current status can be found in the report of the Correspondence Group on Intact Stability to the SDC 1. Parametric roll and loss of stability draft criteria have been already agreed and draft explanatory notes developed, broaching and dead-ship condition draft criteria and explanatory notes are also available and

excessive acceleration criteria are still under discussion (IMO SDC 1/5/3, 2013).

Second generation intact stability criteria are mainly focused on cargo and passenger ships; although some fishing vessels have been considered in the different applicability analysis of the criteria (three vessels in IMO SLF55/Inf.15 (2012a) and IMO SDC 1/Inf.8 (2013) and two in IMO SLF55/Inf.15 (2012b)), they're very few compared to the rest of the typologies.

The fleet of fishing vessels is the largest worldwide. Moreover, the fishing activity is known for being one of the most dangerous industrial activities in many countries, such as Spain (MIT, 2014), U.K. (Roberts, 2010) or the U.S. (BLS, 2013).

Most of the effort spent on increasing the safety of fishing vessels has been directed at improving the crew training in the fields of static stability (cargo stowage, post-construction modifications, overloading and reduction in freeboard) and ship operation (flooding prevention) (Míguez-González *et al.*, 2012a). In fact, fishing vessel stability criteria, with the exception of the IMO Weather Criterion (which is not mandatory for all of them), are based on static stability principles. However, dynamical instabilities (parametric roll, loss of stability, broaching, dead ship condition) are also known to affect fishing vessels and to be the possible cause of many accidents (Mata-Alvarez-Santullano & Souto-Iglesias, 2014). And neither of them are analysed during the vessel design process or included within crew training programs.

Related to this fact, and in addition to their possible implementation as mandatory requirements, the application of second generation intact stability criteria as complementary design tools, could lead to very important increases in the safety of this type of vessels. So, the main objective of this work is to evaluate the suitability of the proposed second generation intact stability criteria to

fishing vessels, and their application as a design tool to improve their safety levels from the dynamic stability point of view.

In order to do this, the draft second generation intact stability criteria proposed in IMO SDC 1/Inf.8 (2013), including parametric roll, pure loss of stability and dead-ship condition failure modes, have been applied to a sample of seven fishing vessels. These are representative of the different typologies present on the Spanish fleet of mid-sized fishing vessels, including trawlers, longliners and purse seiners, with lengths ranging from 20 to 70 meters. From the obtained results, the vulnerability of the different vessels to the aforementioned failure modes and the suitability of these draft criteria as a first stage design tool have been analysed.

2. TEST VESSELS

One of the main characteristics of the fishing vessel fleet is its vast heterogeneity; the arrangement of the different ships depends on the used fishing gear, on tradition and regional factors or on regulatory issues. This fact makes it very difficult to analyse fishing vessels as a whole. In our case, the mid-sized Spanish fishing fleet, which is the largest in Europe in terms of tonnage, has been selected (EU Commission, 2014). From this, we focused on the vessels of more than 20 m long (usually operating in open seas), which in the Spanish case, are more than 1400 units (MAGRAMA, 2013).

The selected ships try to cover all the main typologies present on the aforementioned fleet, and two medium sized stern trawlers (named Trawler 1 and 2), one large stern trawler (Large Trawler), one longliner (Longliner), one medium size purse seiner (Purse Seiner) and one large tuna purse seiner (Tuna Purse Seiner), were chosen. Experimental head sea data of the Trawler 2, is available in Míguez-González *et al.* (2012b).

Table 1: Vessel characteristics (1).

Vessel	L_{pp} (m)	B (m)	d (m)
Trawler 1	25.70	8.50	3.25
Trawler 2	29.00	8.00	3.30
Large Trawler	60.60	12.50	4.60
Longliner	24.00	8.20	3.20
Purse Seiner	21.00	7.00	2.70
Tuna Purse Seiner	67.60	14.00	4.80
TS Trawler (d ₁)	22.00	6.90	2.30
TS Trawler (d ₂)	22.00	6.90	2.46

Table 2: Vessel characteristics (2).

Vessel	L_{pp}/B	B/D	D/d	C_b	C_m
Trawler 1	3.02	1.51	1.73	0.56	0.85
Trawler 2	3.63	1.38	1.76	0.57	0.86
Large Trawler	4.85	1.63	1.66	0.54	0.88
Longliner	2.93	1.41	1.81	0.68	0.90
Purse Seiner	3.00	2.19	1.19	0.67	0.89
Tuna Purse Seiner	4.83	1.54	1.90	0.53	0.93
TS Trawler (d ₁)	3.19	2.06	1.46	0.47	0.74
TS Trawler (d ₂)	3.19	2.06	1.36	0.48	0.75

Table 3: Vessel characteristics (3).

Vessel	A_L (m ²)	Z (m)	ϕ_{fl} (deg)
Trawler 1	145	4.47	64.3
Trawler 2	162	4.38	65.4
Large Trawler	415	5.57	53.6
Longliner	120	4.09	68.6
Purse Seiner	83	3.50	54.3
Tuna Purse Seiner	361	7.60	69.1
TS Trawler (d ₁)	95	3.37	57.2
TS Trawler (d ₂)	91	3.37	57.2

Moreover, and for comparison purposes, a typical U.K. beam trawler (named TS Trawler), which has been broadly studied (Neves & Rodríguez, 2006), has also been selected.

The main characteristics of the analysed vessels are included in Tables 1 and 2. In Table 3, some of the parameters needed for the evaluation of the IMO Weather Criterion are presented, where A_L is the projected lateral area over the waterline, Z is the distance from the centre of A_L to the half of the mean draft and ϕ_{fl} is the first downflooding angle.

Table 4: Tested Conditions.

Vessel	F_n	d (m)	GM_T (m)	ω_0 (rad/s)
Trawler 1 LC1	0.32	3.25	0.653	0.692
Trawler 1 LC2	0.32	3.25	0.350	0.507
Trawler 2	0.31	3.30	0.350	0.539
Large Trawler	0.31	4.60	0.350	0.345
Longliner LC1	0.34	3.20	0.495	0.625
Longliner LC2	0.34	3.20	0.350	0.526
Purse Seiner	0.36	2.70	0.350	0.616
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	0.34	4.80	0.916	0.498
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	0.34	4.80	0.350	0.308
TS Trawler LC1	0.32	2.30	0.730	0.902
TS Trawler LC2	<u>0.32</u>	<u>2.46</u>	<u>0.436</u>	<u>0.697</u>

Regarding the tested loading conditions, in all cases the design draft has been selected; in the case of the TS Trawler, two different drafts, for which experimental data are available (Paffet, 1976), have been chosen. When the real GM was available for the selected draft, that was the applied value; in addition, another condition with the minimum GM according to the Torremolinos Protocol (350 mm), was also defined for these cases. When no data was available, the minimum GM of 350 mm was selected.

The natural roll frequency for all cases was computed by using a roll radius of gyration (including added inertia) of $0.43 \cdot B$, estimated from the experimental data in Míguez-González *et al.* (2012b). In all cases, no bilge keels were considered ($A_{BK} = 0$), and the design speed was chosen to compute the reference ship speed (V_{PR}).

3. CRITERIA DESCRIPTION

In this work, the vulnerability of the selected vessels to parametric roll, pure loss of stability and dead-ship condition failure modes have been analysed by applying the proposals contained in the different annexes of IMO SDC 1/Inf.8 (2013). Parametric roll criteria and their explanatory notes are contained in Annexes 1 and 3; pure loss of stability criteria and their explanatory notes in Annexes 2 and 4; and

dead-ship condition criteria in Annex 16. The draft explanatory notes of dead-ship condition are included in IMO SDC 1/Inf.6 (2013).

3.1 Parametric roll

The phenomenon of parametric roll is generated by the variation of the roll restoring term due to the wave passing along the hull. Its effects are more intense in longitudinal waves, when the wave encounter frequency approximates the double of the ship roll natural frequency. Under these conditions, roll motion can reach very large amplitudes.

The parametric roll vulnerability criteria are divided into two levels, both based on the analysis of the GM variation in longitudinal waves. In the Level 1, the GM in calm water is compared to the amplitude of GM variation (ΔGM) in a longitudinal wave of wavelength equal to ship length and a constant steepness of $S_w = 0.0167$. The ship is considered vulnerable if:

$$\frac{\Delta GM}{GM} > R_{PR} \quad (1)$$

Where R_{PR} represents roll linear damping, that may be taken as 0.5 or a value dependant on bilge keel area and midship coefficient.

The Level 2 presents two checks. The first one is similar to that of Level 1, but computations have to be made for a set of 16 waves, with different lengths and steepness's, and the results of each wave case have to be weighted and summed up. Moreover, an additional requirement that takes into account the vessel forward speed has to be also considered. According to this first check, the ship will be considered vulnerable if:

$$C1 = \sum_{i=1}^N W_i C_i > R_{PR0} \quad (2)$$

Where R_{PR0} is 0.06 or 0.1, W_i is the wave case weight and C_i is a coefficient equal to 1 if the ship is vulnerable under GM and speed checks, and 0 if not. GM vulnerability checks are the same as those of the first level criterion, but computed for each of the wave parameters. The ship is considered as vulnerable if:

$$GM(H_i, \lambda_i) < 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\Delta GM(H_i, \lambda_i)}{GM(H_i, \lambda_i)} > R_{PR} \quad (4)$$

The speed requirement consists on comparing the design speed of the ship (V_D) and a reference speed for parametric roll appearance (V_{PRi}), which depends on the metacentric height on waves and calm water, on wave conditions and on natural roll period. Although not specified in the rules, for a ship with two very different sailing conditions (such as trawlers), it could be important, in order to accurately evaluate this requirement, to take into account the two possible sailing speeds. In any case, the ship is considered vulnerable if:

$$V_{PRi} < V_D \quad (5)$$

If the ship is found to be vulnerable under the first check, a second check has to be done. This has a similar structure to the previous one; the ship will be considered vulnerable if:

$$C2 = \sum_{i=1}^N W_i C_i > R_{PR1} \quad (6)$$

In this case, W_i is again the wave case weight (which are obtained from a wave scatter diagram with 306 wave cases) and C_i is a coefficient equal to 1 if the roll motion of the ship, computed by using an uncoupled equation of roll motion, is over 25 degrees, and 0 if it is not.

3.2 Pure loss of stability

The reduction of the transverse stability of the ship, when it sails in stern seas and wave crest persists for a long time near amidships, is the cause of this failure mode. In waves of wavelength similar to ship length, and in low stability conditions, it could lead to large roll and even capsizing.

Pure loss of stability criteria are only of application to ships of length of more than 24 m and speeds of Froude over 0.2, 0.26 or 0.31 (to be decided), and are also divided into two levels. Level 1 is similar to that of the parametric roll failure mode, and consists on evaluating the minimum GM (GM_{min}) when a wave of wavelength equal to ship length and a constant steepness of $S_w = 0.0334$ passes the ship. The vessel would be considered as vulnerable if:

$$GM_{min} < R_{PLA} \quad (7)$$

where R_{PLA} is the minimum value between 0.05 m and a speed and draft dependant factor.

The second level check consists of three criteria (CR_j), computed for two possible set of waves (16 or 306 cases).

$$CR_{j=1:3} = \sum_{i=1}^N W_i C_j \quad (8)$$

Each CR_j is obtained by weighting the coefficients C_{ji} , which are evaluated for each wave condition; C_{1i} is equal to 1 if the angle of vanishing stability (ϕ_v) is over 30 degrees or the angle of steady heel in waves (ϕ_s) is over 15 or 20 degrees; C_{2i} is equal to 1 if the maximum loll angle (ϕ_{loll}) is over 25 degrees; and C_{3i} is equal to 1 if the maximum GZ value is under $8 \cdot (H / \lambda) \cdot d \cdot Fn^2$.

So, the ship is considered vulnerable if:

$$\max(CR_1, CR_2, CR_3) > R_{PL0} \quad (9)$$

Where R_{PL0} is 0.06 for the first set of waves and 0.15 if the second option is adopted.

3.3 Dead-ship condition

The dead ship condition of a ship takes place when all of its machinery becomes out of operation, disabling its propulsive and manoeuvring capabilities. Under these conditions, the vessel may be affected by severe beam wind and waves, not being able to escape this dangerous situation. The objective of the dead ship stability criteria, is to ensure that the ship is able to withstand the effect of the aforementioned beam excitations for a given amount of time.

As in the case of the previous two failure modes, they are divided into two levels. The Level 1 check corresponds to the well-known IMO Weather Criterion (Severe Wind and Rolling Criterion), included in the IMO 2008 Intact Stability Code, but with a modification on the wave steepness's for large draft vessels.

The Level 2 assessment proposes a probabilistic approach for evaluating the vessel vulnerability to the analysed failure mode. The procedure consists on determining the long term vulnerability of the ship by computing the coefficient C ; if it is under the reference value

of 10^{-3} , the ship is considered as non-vulnerable.

To obtain this long term coefficient, a short term vulnerability index C_S is computed for different wave and wind conditions, characterized by the significant wave height (H_s), the zero crossing period (T_z) and the wind speed (U_w). Once computed, the C index is obtained as a weighted average of the C_S values:

$$C = \sum_{H_s} \sum_{T_z} (W(H_s, T_z) \cdot C_S(H_s, T_z, U_w)) \quad (10)$$

The short term environmental conditions, together with the probability weighting factors ($W(H_s, T_z)$), are obtained by applying the North Atlantic scatter diagram (IACS Recommendation 34), although other wave cases may be accepted.

The short term vulnerability index is obtained by considering the ship as a 1 d.o.f. linear system which rolls under the action of beam irregular waves and gusty winds, which spectra are obtained from the corresponding short term wave characteristics (H_s, T_z). After obtaining some parameters from the residual righting lever curve under the effect of steady wind moment, the roll standard deviation and zero crossing frequency corresponding to the wave and wind moment spectra are obtained by solving the roll equation in frequency domain.

The short term vulnerability index represents the probability of capsizing in the analysed conditions in a given exposure time (3600 s in this case), and is computed from the vessel roll characteristics defined above and two virtual capsizing angles, obtained by equalling the area under the residual righting lever curves and a linearized (in the equilibrium heel angle due to steady wind), residual righting lever curve.

In the method draft explanatory notes (IMO SDC 1/Inf.6, 2013), in addition to the

description of the applied methodology, a procedure for computing the effective wave slope coefficient and an alternative methodology for computing the C_S index are also included. Moreover, a method for estimating the necessary roll damping coefficients is presented, based on the least squares fitting of the equivalent linear roll damping coefficient obtained by the Ikeda method for different roll amplitudes.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, the results obtained from the application of parametric roll, pure loss of stability and dead-ship condition criteria are presented and commented. The ones corresponding to the first two failure modes, have been already presented in Míguez-González et al. (2014), where draft requirements described in IMO SLF 55/WP.3 (2013) for parametric roll, loss of stability and broaching, were applied to the same sample vessels.

4.1 Parametric roll

In this case, Level 1 and Level 2 first check have been carried out. The Level 1 results are shown in Table 5, where ΔGM is the GM variation on the specified waves and ΔGM_{alt} is the alternative GM variation in waves computed considering the waterplane inertias at drafts d_h and d_l . The Level 2 first check results are shown in Table 6. There, ΔGM_{max} is the maximum GM variation for all the 16 wave cases, GM_{avg} is the corresponding average GM for that wave case and V_{PR} is the reference ship speed for resonance in that conditions.

According to the results, all ships, excepting the Large Trawler and the Tuna Purse Seiner in the low GM condition, pass Level 1 check.

Table 5: Parametric roll. Level 1 results.

Vessel	ΔGM (m)	ΔGM_{alt} (m)	$\Delta GM/GM$	Level 1
Trawler 1 LC1	0.090	0.164	0.251	Pass
Trawler 1 LC2	0.090	0.164	0.468	Pass
Trawler 2	0.102	0.133	0.379	Pass
Large Trawler	0.109	0.251	0.718	Fail
Longliner LC1	0.051	0.062	0.126	Pass
Longliner LC2	0.051	0.062	0.178	Pass
Purse Seiner	0.035	0.046	0.130	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	0.154	0.295	0.322	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	0.153	0.295	0.843	Fail
TS Trawler LC1	0.095	0.205	0.281	Pass
TS Trawler LC2	0.107	0.181	0.414	Pass

Table 6: Parametric roll. Level 2 results. 1st
check.

Vessel	ΔGM_{max} (m)	GM_{avg} (m)	ΔGM_{max} / GM_{avg}	V_{PR} (m/s)	Level 2
Trawler 1 LC1	0.075	0.650	0.115	1.186	Pass
Trawler 1 LC2	0.073	0.347	0.211	2.040	Pass
Trawler 2	0.085	0.353	0.241	0.728	Pass
Large Trawler	0.104	0.360	0.287	1.707	Pass
Longliner LC1	0.044	0.495	0.089	1.110	Pass
Longliner LC2	0.045	0.349	0.128	0.935	Pass
Purse Seiner	0.034	0.352	0.097	1.171	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	0.152	0.895	0.169	2.090	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	0.152	0.330	0.460	3.069	Pass
TS Trawler LC1	0.090	0.719	0.125	1.019	Pass
TS Trawler LC2	0.100	0.444	0.225	0.473	Pass

Regarding Level 2 check, all ships pass the criteria for all wave cases ($CI = 0$). The criteria, for these vessels, are consistent, as no vessel is found to be non-vulnerable under Level 1 and vulnerable under Level 2.

In Míguez-González et al. (2014) and references therein, these results were analysed and compared to experimental data present in the literature, in order to analyse the suitability of the criteria to these small vessels. In the cases of the Trawler 2 and the TS Trawler, small variation of GM in waves has been

obtained. So, both of them have been considered as non-vulnerable, while experimental data have shown their large tendency to developing parametric roll. However, the small wave heights and probabilities (weighting factors, which represent a small probability for the ship facing them in real sailing), associated with the waves of small wavelength that correspond to these ships length, is the cause of this consideration. Moreover, the results obtained for the Tuna Purse Seiner were also compared to experimental data available, showing a good consistency.

From the different typologies of vessels studied, it can be seen that those ships with larger bow flares and hanging sterns, such as trawlers and the tuna purse seiner, are the most vulnerable to this failure modes, presenting the largest GM variations from all the sample.

4.2 Pure loss of stability

Pure loss of stability criteria are of application to all the sample ships, as their speeds are, in all cases, equal or over $Fn = 0.31$. Level 1 and Level 2 (Option A, 16 reference wave cases) checks have been carried out. The results of the Level 1 check are presented in Table 7, where GM_{min} is the minimum GM as the specified wave passes the ship, and GM_{min_alt} is the alternative minimum GM computed considering the waterplane inertia at draft d_L . The Level 2 results are presented in Table 8, where GZ_{max} is the minimum smallest GZ curve maximum for all the 16 wave cases, ϕ_v , ϕ_s and ϕ_{loll} are respectively the vanishing stability, the steady heel and the loll angles for that condition and R_{PL3} is the vulnerability limit for the presented GZ_{max} .

As can be seen, the largest vessels (Large Trawler and Tuna Purse Seiner in the two loading conditions), together with the TS Trawler in the low GM condition, are found to be vulnerable under Level 1 check.

Table 7: Pure loss of stability. Level 1 results.

Vessel	GM_{min} (m)	GM_{min_alt} (m)	Level 1
Trawler 1 LC1	0.452	0.488	Pass
Trawler 1 LC2	0.148	0.184	Pass
Trawler 2	0.172	0.075	Pass
Large Trawler	0.193	-0.147	Fail
Longliner LC1	0.391	0.342	Pass
Longliner LC2	0.246	0.197	Pass
Purse Seiner	0.276	0.231	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	0.626	0.028	Fail
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	0.060	-0.540	Fail
TS Trawler LC1	0.520	0.105	Pass
TS Trawler LC2	<u>0.271</u>	<u>-0.113</u>	<u>Fail</u>

Table 8: Pure loss of stability. Level 2 results.
Option A.

Vessel	GZ_{max} (m)	ϕ_v (deg)	ϕ_s (deg)	ϕ_{roll} (deg)	R_{PL3}	Level 2
Trawler 1 LC1	0.422	90	0	0	0.084	Pass
Trawler 1 LC2	0.199	70	0	0	0.085	Pass
Trawler 2	0.746	125	0	0	0.075	Pass
Large Trawler	0.187	51	0	0	0.115	Pass
Longliner LC1	0.392	82	0	0	0.088	Pass
Longliner LC2	0.293	73	0	0	0.089	Pass
Purse Seiner	0.269	78	0	0	0.086	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	0.995	111	0	0	0.148	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	0.451	95	0	0	0.136	Pass
TS Trawler LC1	0.254	70	0	0	0.056	Pass
TS Trawler LC2	0.144	58	0	0	0.060	Pass

Regarding Level 2 check, all vessels were found to be non-vulnerable (all criteria were fulfilled in all wave cases), and criteria are consistent for this set of vessels.

Like in the case of parametric roll failure mode, in Míguez-González et al. (2014) and references therein, the obtained results were compared with available experimental data. Regarding both the TS Trawler and the Tuna Purse Seiner, a large tendency to capsizing in stern seas has been described, showing a good agreement between the vulnerability analysis and the towing tank test data. In the case of the

Trawler 2, and although some reduction of stability in stern seas has been shown in the literature, no capsizing occurred in any of the tested conditions. So, results seem to be consistent also for this vessel. Again, the vessels with larger bow flares and hanging sterns (trawlers and tuna purse seiner), are shown to be more vulnerable than the others.

4.3 Dead-ship condition

As have been already mentioned, the Level 1 and Level 2 dead-ship condition checks have been carried out. In Table 9, the intact stability characteristics of the different vessels are shown (all GM values are over the minimum, as shown in Table 4). As it can be seen, there are two vessels, the Trawler 1 and the TS Trawler in the low GM conditions, which do not fulfil the minimum requirements stated by the Torremolinos Protocol.

Regarding the Level 1 check, in Table 10 the obtained results are presented. There, ϕ_0 is the angle of equilibrium under the steady wind heel lever, ϕ_1 is the windward roll angle and ϕ_2 is the minimum between the downflooding angle and 50 degrees. a and b are the areas under the GZ and wind heeling lever curves stated in the IMO Weather Criterion. It can be appreciated that all ships, with the exception of the TS Trawler, but including the Trawler 1 in the low GM condition (LC2), pass the Level 1 check.

In Table 11, the results of the Level 2 check are presented. In there, ϕ_{Smax} is the maximum steady heel angle for all the wave conditions tested, $\sigma_{\phi Smax}$ is the maximum roll standard deviation, $T_{Z\phi max}$ is the maximum roll zero crossing period and C , is the long term probability failure index.



Table 9: Intact stability results.

Vessel	Area 0-30 (m.rad)	Area 0-40 (m.rad)	Area 30-40 (m.rad)	Max. GZ (m)	Max. GZ Angle (deg)
Trawler 1 LC1	0.0833	0.1506	0.0673	0.489	47.3
Trawler 1 LC2	0.0426	0.0795	0.0369	0.271	44.5
Trawler 2	0.0560	0.1093	0.0532	0.863	75.5
Large Trawler	0.0642	0.1189	0.0547	0.321	35.5
Longliner LC1	0.0759	0.1434	0.0675	0.461	45.0
Longliner LC2	0.0565	0.1095	0.0530	0.360	43.6
Purse Seiner	0.0550	0.0960	0.0435	0.301	45.8
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	0.1282	0.2366	0.1084	1.079	64.5
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	0.0550	0.1036	0.0515	0.575	60.0
TS Trawler LC1	0.078	0.1277	0.0497	0.304	41.4
TS Trawler LC2	0.0507	0.0850	0.0341	0.203	37.7

Table 10: Dead ship condition. Level 1 results.

Vessel	ϕ_0 (deg)	ϕ_1 (deg)	ϕ_2 (deg)	b (m.rad)	a (m.rad)	Level 1
Trawler 1 LC1	7.4	24.2	50	0.1396	0.0743	Pass
Trawler 1 LC2	15.3	21.5	50	0.0432	0.0392	Pass
Trawler 2	12.6	22.8	50	0.1029	0.0474	Pass
Large Trawler	9.4	12.4	50	0.0919	0.0166	Pass
Longliner LC1	6.6	25.7	50	0.1549	0.0651	Pass
Longliner LC2	9.2	23.9	50	0.1059	0.0447	Pass
Purse Seiner	8.8	25.5	50	0.0855	0.0489	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	3.6	17.3	50	0.3114	0.0505	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	9.5	13.4	50	0.1148	0.0172	Pass
TS Trawler LC1	8.3	23.4	50	0.0672	0.0777	Fail
TS Trawler LC2	12.2	22.6	50	0.025	0.0507	Fail

The roll damping coefficients of the different vessels, were obtained from the experimental data of a stern trawler with no bilge keels (Trawler 2), described in Míguez-González *et al.* (2013).

It can be seen that all the small vessels (with the exception of the Trawler 2), fail the Level 2 criteria.

Table 11: Dead ship condition. Level 2 results.
No Bilge Keels.

Vessel	ϕ_{Smax} (deg)	$\sigma_{\phi max}$ (deg)	$Tz_{\phi max}$ (s)	C	Level 2
Trawler 1 LC1	18.0	10.1	10.7	2.38E-03	Fail
Trawler 1 LC2	32.0	12.4	11.8	2.97E-03	Fail
Trawler 2	25.0	11.7	9.4	4.60E-04	Pass
Large Trawler	18.0	11.3	14.0	1.46E-05	Pass
Longliner LC1	14.0	12.5	9.8	1.28E-02	Fail
Longliner LC2	19.0	14.6	10.2	9.24E-03	Fail
Purse Seiner	19.0	13.5	9.4	2.02E-02	Fail
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	8.0	9.0	13.5	5.53E-05	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	20.0	11.1	18.2	3.02E-07	Pass
TS Trawler LC1	24.0	12.1	12.5	1.11E-02	Fail
TS Trawler LC2	34.0	20.1	16.6	1.60E-02	Fail

Table 12: Dead ship condition. Level 2 results.
Bilge keel effect included.

Vessel	ϕ_{Smax} (deg)	$\sigma_{\phi max}$ (deg)	$Tz_{\phi max}$ (s)	C	Level 2
Trawler 1 LC1	18.0	8.9	11.0	4.37E-04	Pass
Trawler 1 LC2	32.0	11.1	12.0	9.91E-04	Pass
Trawler 2	25.0	10.5	9.5	8.61E-05	Pass
Large Trawler	18.0	10.1	14.1	1.58E-06	Pass
Longliner LC1	14.0	10.9	9.9	3.20E-03	Fail
Longliner LC2	19.0	12.9	10.3	2.43E-03	Fail
Purse Seiner	19.0	11.9	9.5	5.94E-03	Fail
Tuna Purse Seiner LC1	8.0	7.9	13.6	3.84E-06	Pass
Tuna Purse Seiner LC2	20.0	9.9	18.3	1.59E-08	Pass
TS Trawler LC1	24.0	10.7	13.1	3.12E-03	Fail
TS Trawler LC2	34.0	17.9	17.2	5.44E-03	Fail

In order to investigate the influence of the damping coefficients on the obtained results, a new computation including a 40 % increase in damping was carried out. This increase could reflect the effect of bilge keels (Chun *et al.*, 2001), which are installed in all of these vessels in the reality.



In this new case (Table 12), the Trawler 1 is found to be non-vulnerable in all conditions, while the small vessels are again found vulnerable. However, a very significant decrease of the probability index (C) is shown.

In all cases, a very high tendency to capsizing could be seen in the small vessels, while larger vessels seem to be safer from the dead-ship condition point of view. Regarding the consistency of the criteria, and considering the large effect of roll damping, the only relevant ship for analysis is that of Trawler 2, as experimental data of roll damping were available. According to it, criteria seem to be consistent. However, further analysis is necessary applying realistic values of damping coefficients.

5. CONCLUSIONS

In this work, the application of the draft second generation intact stability criteria for parametric roll, pure loss of stability and dead-ship condition, as presented in IMO SDC 1/5/3 to a sample of seven vessels representative of the Spanish fishing fleet, has been done. The objective of this study was to analyse their applicability to this fleet, in order to use them as a design tool to reduce the high number of accidents due to dynamic stability issues which usually affect this type of ships.

In order to do this, Level 1 and Level 2 checks were carried out for the three failure modes mentioned above, checking the consistency of the criteria and analysing the results to determine their suitability to a fleet to which, in principle, they were not focused to.

Regarding the pure loss of stability failure, a very good agreement between the results and available experimental data has been found, showing a very good consistence of the criteria.

In the case of parametric roll resonance, some discrepancies, mainly due to the environmental conditions under consideration

in the criteria, have been found, especially for the small ships.

Finally, from the analysis of the dead-ship failure mode, it has been observed that small ships fail Level 2 criteria after passing Level 1, which shows some inconsistency of the criteria; however, and considering the observed large sensibility of the Level 2 check to the roll damping, a more precise estimation of the damping coefficients is needed to make a conclusion on this matter.

In any case, the proposed methodology looks like a set of simple and easy to use set of tools that could be straightforwardly applied during the design stage, to analyse the vulnerability of the studied vessels to those failure modes.

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ABSTRACT

The present work is dealing with the question, how to improve local parts of ship constructions to increase the safety of life at sea as well as environmental protection. Local parts which have to be strengthened are on the one hand selected parts of ship side structures and they are on the other hand constructions to protect tanks filled with highly explosive or flammable liquids like LNG. The strengthening is achieved by filling void spaces with granulate material. To investigate their effects on the failure mechanism, several quasi-static and large-scaled experiments were conducted on the test facility of TUHH.

KEYWORDS: *collision-test, side structure, strengthening, granulate material*

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is based on a research work carried out in a collaborative joint research project. The project ELKOS started in 2009 and was finished in 2013. ELKOS stands for: „Improving collision safety by integrating effects of structural arrangements in damage stability calculations“. The scope of the project was divided in three sub-projects:

- validating collision calculations by large scale experiments using design variants of side structures
- development of a method to predict the damage stability of ship designs on the basis of the collision mechanics close to reality
- development of collision-mechanical analysis method for double-hull alternatives to identify damage calculation parameters

The superior research objective was to develop a method that allows adequate consideration of structural arrangements which significantly increase collision safety in damage stability calculations for new products. TUHH was engaged in this project with its institutes „Ship Structural Design and Analysis“- responsible for the first sub-project and „Ship Design and Ship Safety“- responsible for the second sub-project. The experimental structures were built at the German shipyard Flensburger Schiffbau-Gesellschaft (FSG) which was the industrial partner and also responsible for the third sub-project.

The Institute of Ship Design and Ship Safety determined the statistical distribution of the collision energy with a Monte-Carlo-Simulation. With this method the probability of the double hull failure of specific side structure constructions was predicted. The determined probability of the double hull failure

corresponds well with the regulation of the SOLAS 2009 B1. For side structures which increase the collision resistance significantly the probability of the double hull failure was determined and could have been integrated in the damage calculation in form of a probability distribution. Thus the damage calculation index according to SOLAS 2009 B1 could be calculated. Thereby it was found that a side structure being locally improved to increase the collision resistance has a marginal influence on the leakage safety index. The reason therefore is based on the fact that the improved structures only prevent leakage of compartments for low-energy-collisions. The statistical part for low-energy-collision appears rarely for the examined RoRo-ferry. For that reason an economic benefit according to SOLAS 2009 B1 could not be realized. Finally the results show that it is not advantageous in respect of the leakage safety index to shift the inner hull towards the outer hull by realizing an equivalent absorption of energy regarding the SOLAS 2009 B1. For more details see Krüger et al. (2014).

However, the authors like to mention that in reality a lot of sailors lost their lives due to collisions in coastal areas. In the period of the years 2002-2012 sixty-six ship collisions were registered by the German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU). Most of them happened in the Kiel-Canal (12 cases), Port of Hamburg (10 cases), river Elbe (6 cases), river Weser (4 cases) and Kiel (3 cases). Thereby three sailors lost their lives in the Kiel-Canal and one sailor on the river Elbe. Furthermore the society's attitude towards environmental protection has changed severely during the last decades. The demand for safer transports of chemicals and fuels especially in coastal areas has become a very important matter with high priority. Thereby it is justified that also low-energy-collisions have to be investigated to prevent human lives and to avoid environmental damage.

In addition to this fact the authors note that the safety level of cars due to crash according

to the European New Car Assessment Programme (EURO NCAP) is done for velocities of 29 km/h for side pole and 50 km/h for side mobile barrier and frontal impacts. Generating a speed range out of the EURO NCAP crash tests with an upper and a lower bound by taking a Cayenne (Porsche) and a Mini (BMW Group) the range of 13-27% can be determined. This range covers 3.2-5.5 kn regarding a large container ship (187 625 tdw, $v_{\max}=24.3$ kn) and the range 2.9-4.9 kn for a smaller container ship (11 500 tdw, $v_{\max}=18.3$ kn). However, structural improvements for higher safety are restricted by physical bound. Up to this bound engineers have the possibility to work preventively and to evaluate this work. Furthermore, the authors present the results of the first sub-project for a reinforced side structure.

After several disasters of tank ships causing enormous environmental pollution due to oil spills, new IMO construction requirements for oil tankers had been established. These requirements are addressed to all tank ships ordered after 6 July 1993 had to be built with a double hull or an alternative design. The possibility of an alternative design poses a new challenge on engineers.

One obvious disadvantage of all presented structures is that they are very expensive in manufacturing and owners have to modify the common and approved structure. This leads to an additional risk in operation for example fatigue.

The idea of filling foamed material or concrete in void spaces of ship side structures is not new. The already realised designs served as additional safety in case of flooding regarding the hydrostatic of ships. At the beginning of the 20th century the double bottoms of lifeboats were filled with cork and in 1994/1995 the void spaces of the ferry SIER were packed with blocks of EPS, see Kulzep (2001). The first design of a 171.8 m long ship for the transport of radioactive waste was published in Hutchison (1987). This design was

provided with blocks of urethane with a density of 101.9 kg/m^3 to increase the safety in case of a collision. Collision experiments with side structures equipped with filling material are not known.

The only known experiment related to collision experiments is published in Nagasawa et al. (1981) who investigated ship structures which struck a bridge pier. The aim was to protect the bridge pier. Therefore a composite-type consisting of outer hull and polyurethane filled inside and a grid-composite type also packed with polyurethane were investigated in collision experiments with a rigid bow model. Next to the already mentioned collision experiments in the Netherlands one grounding experiment was conducted, see Kulzep (2001). A double bottom structure was packed also with blocks of polystyrol with a density of 22 kg/m^3 and driven against a synthetic rock in a real grounding experiment.

Finally, a current draft International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) by IMO shows certain parallels to the construction requirements for tank ships in the future. In case of an external damage caused by collision the suggested regulation 5.3.4 demands that the fuel storage tanks shall be placed as close as possible to the centreline. Minimum is the lesser of $B/5$ and 11.5 m from the ship side at right angles to the centreline at the level of summer load line. In the IGF Code an alternative design is also in the discussion and moves a strengthened side structure in the focus of engineering.

Concluding all presented concepts one major disadvantage is that the steel-core or the filling material will make inspections for class renewal in periodical time difficult. For an alternative design to protect e.g. LNG storage tanks a potential filling material must be easy to remove and to refill after inspection.

2. EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

2.1 Test model of the side structure

In two collision tests the protective effects of the investigated granulate material could have been determined. Hence a conventional side structure derived by a RoRo-vessel (designed and built on the German shipyard FSG) was scaled approximately 1:3 except the stiffeners and the frames. The conventional side structure was used for both experiments, except of minor modifications in applying different kinds of collar plates.

The complete test model has a length over all of 5788 mm, a breadth of 3490 mm and a height of 900 mm as presented in Figure 1. The investigated area within the surrounding support-constructions measured a length of 3400 mm and a breadth of 2260 mm. The wall thickness of the four web frames amounts to 5 mm and the two shell plates amount to 4 mm. The frames of the side structure consist of eight bulb profiles HP 140x7.

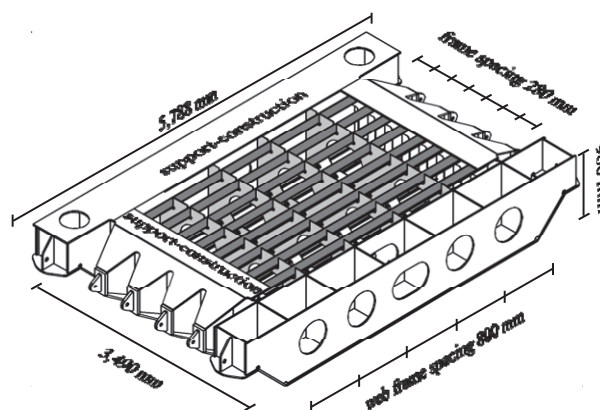


Figure 1 Side structure without shell plate

Both collision tests were enforced with a cylindrical rigid bulbous bow. The construction measured a diameter of 813 mm and a length over all of 1700 mm. The collision angle was 90° . With a collision speed of 0.2 mm/sec the whole test procedure is quasi-static, see Tautz et al. (2010).

2.2 Granulate material

For the determination of the granulate material following aspects were considered: Environmental harmlessness, hydrolyse and heat resistance as well as less mass density. The choice of an eligible material enables inspections of the structure.

Hence the filled side structure was equipped with multicellular hollow spheres made out of glass which exhibit the specification of Table 1.

Table 1 Specification of glass multicellular hollow spheres

grain size distribution	>2.0 mm
bulk density	190-250 kg/m ³
grain density	380-480 kg/m ³

This mineral material has the following useful characteristics: fire-proof, good thermal insulation, heat resistant up to ca. 900 °, hydrophobic, acoustical absorption, high adhesion, environmental friendly production and 100% recyclable. It is very light for granulate material, has good characteristics under compressive load and is easy to remove/refill with the use of an industrial hover.

2.3 Test plant and configuration

Both collision tests are carried out on the existing test-plant of the Institute of Ship Structural Design and Analysis of TUHH, see Figure 2.

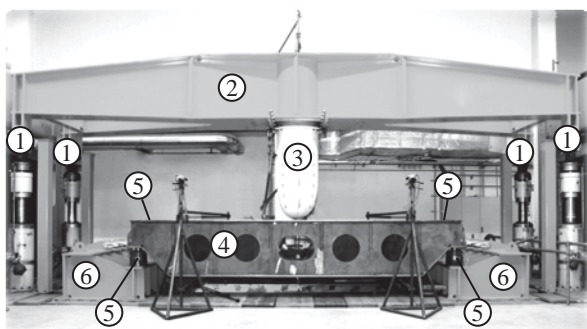


Figure 2 Test plant and configuration

Collision forces are applied by four hydraulic cylinders (1) which are connected with a cross-beam (2). The test model of the bulbous bow (3) is located underneath the middle of the cross-beam and is driven against the side structure (4).

Collision forces are measured at the hydraulic cylinders as well as at the pressure load cells (5) between side structure and support (6). The hydraulic cylinders are limited to 400 mm regarding the maximum range of displacement. Thus larger displacements are implemented by using appropriate interim pieces between the bulbous bow and the cross-beam.

2.4 Experimental results

In Figure 3 the measured results of both experiments are compared with each other. The measured results of the collision test with the conventional side structure are represented by the grey curve and the results of the collision test with the filled side structure by the black graph.

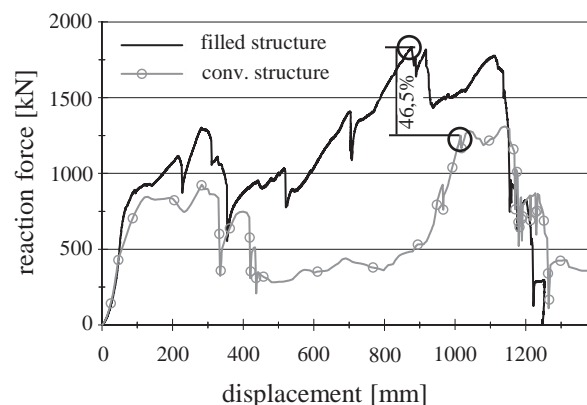


Figure 3 Measured reaction forces

The meaningful characteristics of the reaction forces are described in Schöttelndreyer et al. (2013). The cracks in the inner shell occur at the two marked points in Figure 3 and are chosen for comparison of the absorbed energy plotted in Figure 4. In total a significant increase of the reaction force of 46.5 % was achieved by the side structure filled with multicellular glass hollow spheres.

The integration of the reaction forces in Figure 3 leads to the absorbed energies of the side structures. The filled side structure has got the ability to absorb 70.5% more energy than the conventional side structure at the time of the inner hull failure.

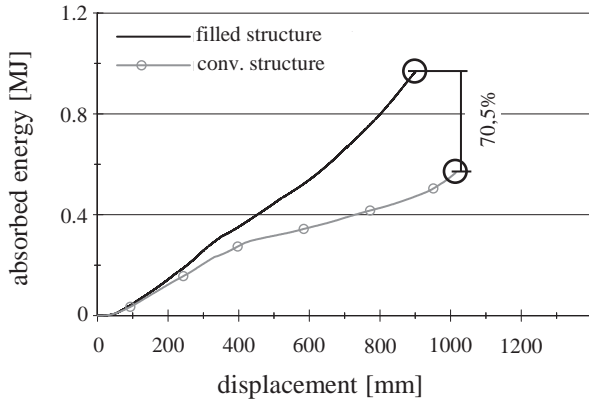


Figure 4 Absorbed energies of conventional and filled side structure

This significant enhancement of absorbed energy is generated by two effects. The primary effect is the compression and the collapse of the multicellular glass hollow spheres. At the beginning the material exhibits a crushable behaviour. Under high compression the material changes its constitutional characteristics and becomes a hard mass with a nearly incompressible behaviour. The secondary effect is the transfer of the reaction force to the inner hull construction which arises from the constitutional change of the multicellular glass hollow spheres of the primary effect.

3. VERIFICATION OF SIMULATION

The properties of the steel structure were determined by numerous specimen in the form of tensile tests in accordance to the Norm DIN EN ISO 6892-1 (2009) and the choice of one numerical optimization tool as well as one validated power law hardening approach, see Schöttelndreyer (2015). For highly non-linear simulations a failure criteria must be determined which deletes finite elements by reaching e.g. a critical rupture strain. The criteria developed by Scharrer et al. (2002) in

charge for the German classification society Germanischer Lloyd (since 2013: DNV GL) is quite simple in appliance and generates good results in simulations for ship collisions which was confirmed within the project ELKOS. The critical rupture strain ε_c represents the first principal strain and can be calculated for the uniaxial stress state by equation (1)

$$\varepsilon_c = 0.079 + 0.76 \frac{t}{l_e} \quad (1)$$

and for the biaxial stress state by equation (2).

$$\varepsilon_c = 0.056 + 0.54 \frac{t}{l_e} \quad (2)$$

The parameters t and l_e describe the shell thickness and the element length. To determine the properties of the multicellular glass hollow spheres several different tests had to be accomplished. The deviatoric perfect plastic yield function for the chosen material “Soil and Foam” developed by Krieg (1972) is given in equation (3):

$$\Phi = J_2 - \left(a_0 + a_1 \cdot p + a_2 \cdot p^2 \right) \quad (3)$$

The parameter J_2 is the second invariant of the stress deviator and the constants a_0 , a_1 , a_2 characterise the deviatoric plane and must be calculated. The hydrostatic pressure p can be evaluated with the principal stresses measured in triaxial compression tests in accordance to the Norm DIN 18137 – 2 (2011) known in the geotechnical engineering to predict the behaviour of soils. The volumetric part of the yield function as well as the plastical deformability was achieved by using uniaxial compression tests. Further details are published in Schöttelndreyer et al. (2013).

3.1 Comparison between Experiment and Simulation

For all collision simulations the programme LS-DYNA version 971/ R6.1.0 is used. Therefore the geometry of the side structure was simplified. The stiffeners of the outer and inner hull are modelled with beam elements in order to avoid geometric disturbances for solid elements. They only have a different breadth but the same height and cross section like the bulb profiles. With this modification the granulate material could be modelled with five blocks of solid elements using a mapped mesh.

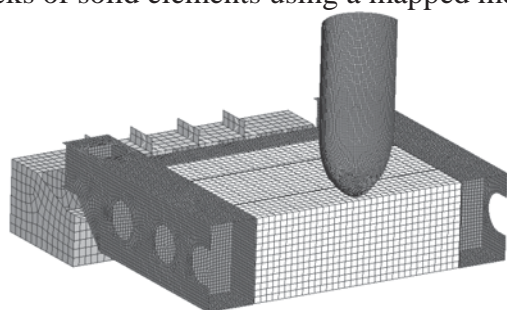


Figure 5 Half of the FE-model without outer shell

The outer and inner shell are modelled with four-noded quadrilateral shell elements using five integration points through their thickness and their critical rupture strain which is calculated by equation (2). Caused by the different scale rates for the stiffeners (more than 1:2), the equation (1) cannot be used for the test model of the side structure. In Schöttelndreyer et al. (2013) a critical rupture strain was determined by simulations. In Figure 6 the reaction forces of the experiment and the appendant simulation are presented.

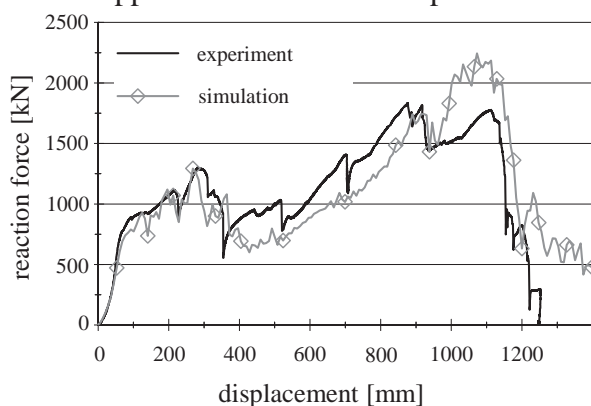


Figure 6 Comparison of the reaction forces

The simulation underestimates the reaction force with 5%. The displacement is 1% deeper as measured in the experiment when the first crack in the inner shell occurs. Only the failure of the frames is overestimated at a displacement between 1000 mm and 1200 mm.

Thus a transfer to real structures is justified and delivers furthermore conservative results.

4. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE OF USE

On 3rd of Mai 2013 a collision occurred between the ferries NILS HOLGERSSON and URD in the port of Lübeck-Travemünde. During a turning-manoeuve the NILS HOLGERSSON struck the parallel middle body of the URD which was fastened to the pier. This collision leads to the structural damage of the URD above and underwater and to a minor damage of the bow structure. The damage of both vessels is shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7 Collision between the ferries NILS HOLGERSSON and URD in the port of Travemünde

Using the experience of this accident, the benefit of the granulate material in a real ship structure is quite simple to investigate. The dissipated energies as well as the ship motions are not difficult to calculate. Almost the whole kinetic energy of the NILS HOLGERSSON is dissipated by the structure of the URD. The kinetic energy can be determined with the known equation (4).

$$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta v^2 \quad (4)$$

The required data like displacement Δ , draft, trim of the NILS HOLGERSSON are published in the report of the Bundesstelle für Seeunfalluntersuchung (2013). All the other values like AIS-data, geometry of the NILS HOLGERSSON, main frame as well as several photos of the damage of the URD were given by diverse institutions.

The struck ferry URD was built in 1981 on the Italian shipyard Nuovi Cantieri Apuania. In 2001 the ship was extended with a 20.25 m long mid-part-section which was struck. She has got a length and a breadth over all of 171.05 m and 20.82 m and a maximal depth of 5.43 m. The design of the main frame with all characteristic dimensions is presented in Figure 8.

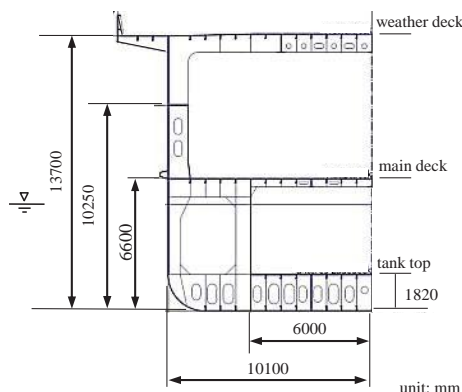


Figure 8 Main frame of the URD

The frame spacing and the arrangement of web plates are plotted in Figure 9 and amounts 750 mm and 1500/2250 mm.

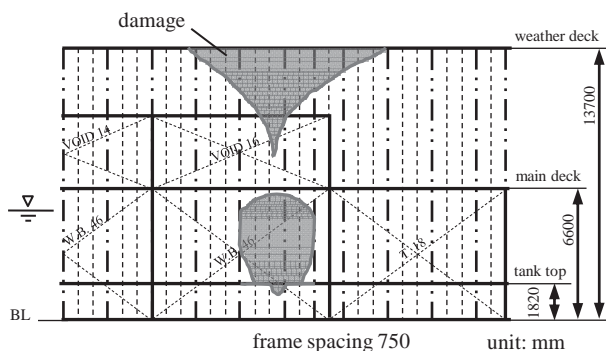


Figure 9 Side view (10100 mm) of the modelled section with the projected damage of the URD

The striking ferry NILS HOLGERSSON was built in 2001 on the German shipyard SSW Fähr-und Spezialschiffbau GmbH. She has got a length and a breadth over all of 190.77 m and 35.87 m and a maximal depth of 6.20 m. She struck the URD with a displacement of 20500 t in a collision angle of 82° with a speed of 6.52 kn. Caused by the minor damage her bow structure is discretised as a rigid part.

To confirm the benefit of the multicellular glass hollow spheres in the structure of the URD a FE-model validated by Martens (2014) is taken and modified analogical to the filled side structure model of the experiment. The size of the four-noded quadrilateral shell elements of the outer and inner shells amounts to 100 mm. In the model of Martens (2014) the stiffeners of the conventional structure are modelled as L- profiles with nearly the same section modulus like the original bulb profiles. Therefore the rupture strain is calculated by equation (2). Comparative simulations of the conventional structure with shell elements and beam elements for the stiffeners deliver comparable results. The rupture strain for the beam elements is determined by equation (1). The blocks of solid elements to describe the behaviour of the multicellular glass hollow spheres range from baseline to main deck and from inner hull (6000 mm) to outer hull (10100 mm), see Figure 8. The movement of the model is prohibited in all translational directions at mid ship and only in longitudinal direction of the ship at the two ends of the section. The rigid bow structure of the NILS HOLGERSSON is driven against the structure of the URD with the above mentioned velocity of 6.52 nm at the beginning of the simulation.

4.1 Benefit of the multicellular glass hollow spheres

For the evaluation of this analysis the calculated energies are separated in one part which is absorbed by the steel structure above the water surface and one part which is absorbed by the steel structure beneath the

water surface. In order to realise further analysis of the filled structure, the granulate material is separated in addition. In Figure 10 the black curves represent the energies of the conventional structure and the grey curves of the filled structure.

Before the outer shell fails there is no benefit to observe in Figure 10. The outer shell

primary effect. In addition 28 MJ are dissipated of the steel structure beneath the water surface. The steel structure beneath the water surface of the conventional side structure exhibits the absorption of 17 MJ at a penetration of 6.5 m. That demonstrates 11 MJ less than the structure of the filled model. This 11 MJ are dissipated because the collapsed multicellular glass hollow spheres also change their constitutional

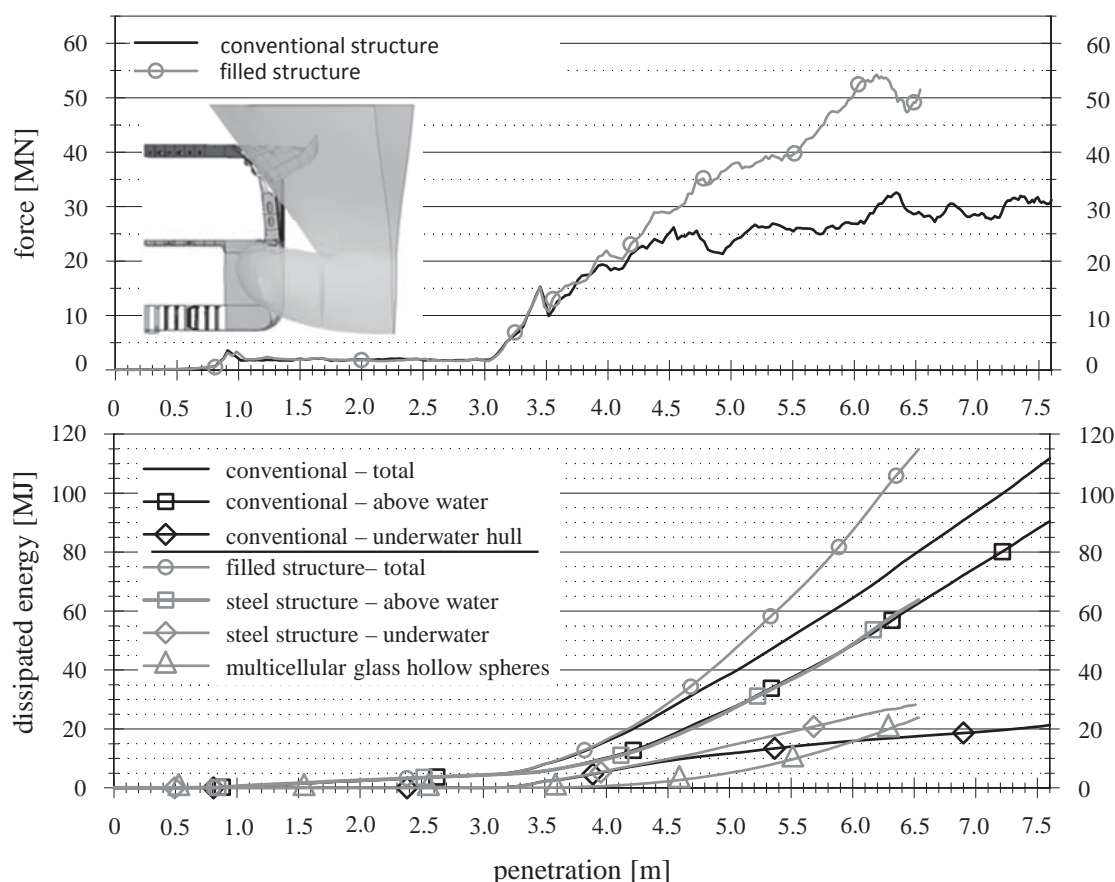


Figure 10 Results of simulation of the conventional and the filled side structure

fails in both simulations at a penetration of 3.5 m with almost the same energy level. At a penetration of 4.0 m the multicellular glass hollow spheres start to act.

The energy absorption of the underwater hull increases significant at a penetration of 4.5 m. Also in these simulations the two mentioned effects of the multicellular glass hollow spheres are confirmed. At the maximal penetration of 6.5 m in the simulation of the filled side structure the multicellular glass hollow spheres absorbed 24 MJ which is the

characteristics and become incompressible in a real ship structure. This behaviour enables the transfer of the collision force to a large area of the inner hull construction with its stiffeners and web frames. The stiffeners and web frames deflect the collision force to the main deck and tank top as well as to the bulkheads.

Using multicellular glass hollow spheres in the structure of the URD shows that the rupture of the inner hull could have been avoided and therefore the flooding of the investigated compartment would have been prevented.

4.2 Additional benefit of the multicellular glass hollow spheres

The determined benefit leads to the following question: What is the advantage for owners?

First at all they can protect their sailors/goods with a strengthened ship structure and prevent environmental damage for low-energy-collision. In reality owners are still in a hard competition. Therefore they normally tend to comply with the existing regulations. If the regulations give benefits for safer and strengthened ships in future, owners will modify the structure of their existing ships or order new ships which will increase safety at sea.

Regarding the already introduced draft IGF Code with an estimated allowance of alternative designs, owners will have a justification for reducing the distance (less than B/5) between storage tanks and ship side which might increase the loading capacity of their cargo holds.

This advantage can be illustrated with a simulation where the inner hull of the ferry URD is shifted, see Figure 11.

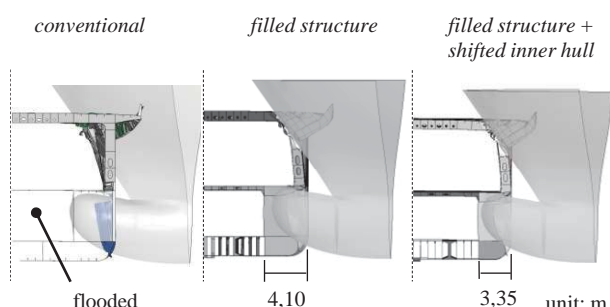


Figure 11 Failure mode of the conventional, filled and filled structure with shifted inner hull

Her double bottom construction is designed with longitudinal stiffeners with a spacing of 750 mm. In this simulation the inner hull of the URD is shifted one stiffener towards the outer shell and the void is filled with multicellular glass hollow spheres. Also with

this arrangement the flooding of the compartment could have been avoided.

5. CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents a simple but extremely effective concept to strengthen ship side structure. The concept with a granulate material inside of void spaces enables inspections without complications in a periodical time. Therefore a conventional side structure and a side structure equipped with multicellular glass hollow spheres enhanced with a rigid bulbous bow were conducted. The results showed that the filled side structure absorbed 70.5% more energy than the conventional one. With the knowledge of the experiments and the appendant and validated simulations the protecting effects of the granulate materials can be transferred to real ship structures.

Therefore one collision scenario is chosen which happened on the German maritime waterways in Lübeck-Travemünde. Without regarding the SOLAS 2009 B1 the concept enables the possibility to strengthen the side structure according to the conventional design on the one hand and on the other hand to reduce the distance of inner hull and outer shell to get larger cargo holds which generates an economic benefit for the owners.

This gives designers more possibilities for modification of existing ships e.g. to protect a LNG power unit as well as for the general structure arrangement of new ships. This concept does not touch the conventional and approved construction and owners do not take an additional risk by using a new strengthened ship construction.

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A Numerical and Experimental Analysis of the Dynamic Water Propagation in Ship-Like Structures

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ABSTRACT

Current damage stability rules for ships are based on the evaluation of a ship's residual stability in the final flooding stage. Up to the stage of this report, the dynamic water propagation within the inner subdivision as well as intermediate flooding stages and their influence on the resulting stability are considered on a very basic level in the damage stability regulations and may thus lead to an inappropriate evaluation of the safety level in damaged condition.

The investigation of accidents like the one of the Estonia or the European Gateway reveals that intermediate stages of flooding and the dynamic flooding sequence result in significant fluid shifting moments which have a major influence on the dependent stability of damaged ships. Consequently, the critical intermediate stages should be considered when evaluating designs with large cargo decks like RoRo vessels, RoPax vessels and car carriers.

Within this report, an enhanced numerical flooding calculation method is validated by a series of model tests with the aim to investigate its capabilities and limitations and to improve the understanding of a ship's time dependent damage stability. The model tests have been carried out with a ship-like test body which comprises a typical subdivision. In this respect, emphasis has been given on the evaluation of critical intermediate stages of flooding which are characterised by large roll angles and roll velocities.

By the end of this report, the results of the model test campaign and the calculation method are compared and discussed in the context of the observed influencing factors on the flooding process to evaluate its' prediction accuracy for intermediate stages of flooding.

Keywords: *intermediate stages of flooding, ship design, damage stability*

1. INTRODUCTION

The recent introduction of the harmonized, probabilistic damage stability regulations in 2009 [SOLAS II-I, Part B-1] led to a new assessment of the damage stability of RoPax and Pax vessels where the time dependent evaluation of the ships damage stability has

become more important. This damage stability regulation requires for passenger ships the evaluation of intermediate stages of flooding with respect to the maximum righting lever, its range, cross flooding time and the equilibrium heel angle. The damage stability assessment of contemporary RoPax and Pax vessels may comprise several hundred leak cases, so that



the evaluation of these intermediate stages of flooding can be very time consuming if carried out by use of the available methods.

Furthermore, the results of the first study of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has indicated, that the attained safety level of RoPax vessels can be significantly lower according to the harmonized damage stability regulations (SOLAS 2009) in comparison to the old deterministic damage stability regulations (SOLAS 90) in combination with the Stockholm agreement (EC-Directive 2003/25/EC).

This is due to the fact that the SOLAS 2009 regulations do not require considering accumulated water on vehicle decks for the stability assessment (compare Valanto, 2009).

For this reason, a research project called LESSEO had been introduced in 2011 with the aim to develop new calculation methods for the evaluation of a ship's time dependent damage stability and to propose a new approach for assessment large free surfaces on vehicle decks within the current regulation frame work.

This report focuses on the validation of a quasi-static calculation method which has been developed by Dankowski 2013 to evaluate a ship's time dependent damage stability. This calculation method has already applied for accident investigations (e.g. in Krueger et al. 2012, Dankowski 2013) and its' basic functionality has been tested with the model test results of (Ruponen 2007). In the investigations of this report, emphasis has been given on the validation by damage scenarios with initial flooding prevention. These damage scenarios are of particular interest with respect to their intermediate stages of flooding and are derived from a model test campaign with a test body, which has been conducted within the LESSEO research project. The comparison between measured and calculated results illustrates the potential and limitations of the calculation method and enhances the

understanding of such complex flooding scenarios.

The following sections give a brief overview about the theoretical background of the calculation method and the conducted the model test campaign. Within the validation section, the model test results are described and compared to results from the calculation method.

At the end of this report, a summary of results of the validation is given and put into the context of further research and possible areas of improvement.

2. NUMERICAL METHOD

This section comprises a brief overview about the theoretical background of the quasi-static calculation method. For further reading please refer to Krüger et al. 2012, Dankowski 2013, Dankowski 2012, Dankowski & Krüger 2012, Dankowski et al. 2014.

Within the quasi-static approach, the sinking sequence is estimated by a finite number of consecutive quasi-static changes of the floating position. The floating position in the respective time step is determined under equilibrium condition of the hydrostatic and gravity forces. These forces change within the flooding process due to the propagation of water volumes through internal and external openings. The water volume within a compartment is determined via the integral of the inflow and outflow fluxes (mass balance). The governing equation for the determination of the fluxes is the Bernoulli equation, formulated for a streamline between the points a and b:

$$dz = \frac{p_a - p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{u_a^2 - u_b^2}{2g} + z_a - z_b - \varphi_{ab} \quad (1)$$

The term φ_{ab} accounts for energy dissipation along the stream line which is



mainly caused by the jet expansion behind the opening (Dankowski 2013). This energy loss is assumed to be proportional to a semi-empirical discharge coefficient C_d , which reduces the flux velocity u :

$$u = C_d \cdot \sqrt{2g \cdot dz} \quad (2)$$

The discharge coefficient has been determined from outflow experiments for the applied opening types in the model test campaign (compare Dankowski et al. 2014) and depends on the shape and size of the discharge opening. The applicability of such determined model scale discharge coefficients to full-scale ships has been investigated e.g. in (Stening 2010), (Ruponen, 2010) and (Ikeda et al. 2004). The results of the FLOODSTAND research project in (Stening 2010) indicate that full-scale openings show larger discharge coefficients than corresponding model-scale openings. Anyhow, full-scale measurements in (Ruponen 2010) have revealed that the general course of the flooding sequence can be predicted with satisfactory accuracy even if a rough estimation for the discharge coefficient is used in the calculation method.

From the given brief overview about the theoretical background, the following assumptions can be summarized for the quasi-static calculation method:

- The flooding process is assumed to be sufficiently slow e.g. as a consequence of small
- leaks and large compartments so that the change in the ship's floating position can be regarded as quasi-static
- Water propagation is exclusively driven by the static pressure differences at the openings.

- Besides the energy loss at the openings, no further energy loss is accounted for. Thus, frictional losses e.g. due to wall friction, flow separation, circulation or wave breaking are assumed to play a minor role in the flooding process.
- The free surface of the water is assumed to be flat so that no waves or sloshing forces are accounted for.

3. MODEL TEST CAMPAIGN

The model test campaign of the LESSEO research project comprises roll damping experiments for the determination of the effective roll damping coefficients, inclining experiments for the determination of the vertical centre of gravity, outflow experiments for the determination of the empirical discharge coefficients and sinking experiments with symmetrical and asymmetrical subdivision. While a brief overview about the model test campaign has already been given in Dankowski et al. 2014 this section summarises the main particulars of the developed test body. The main dimensions of the test body are given in Table 1:

Length over all	2.02	m
Breadth	0.42	m
Depth	0.42	m
Draft	0.20	m
Displacement	159	k g
Vertical Centre of Gravity	0.178	m

Table 1: Main dimensions of the test body

The test body is depicted in Figure 1.

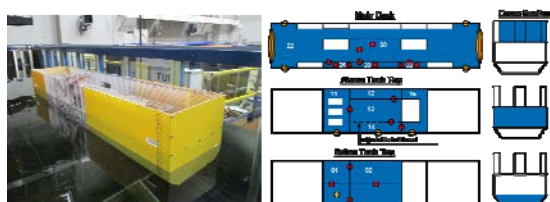


Figure 1: Test body 1

The test body consists of three parts: A yellow coloured aft body, a transparent mid ship section and a yellow coloured fore body (compare left hand side of Figure 1). The floodable compartments are located in the mid ship section. The internal subdivision is shown on the left hand side of Figure 1 and has been derived from contemporary RoRo and RoPax ships. The main deck (compartment 22) e.g. represents a typical vehicle deck with centre and side casing, compartment 11 represents an engine room compartment and compartment 15 has been derived from a void space around a bunker tank compartment. Compartment 14 comprises an adjustable bulkhead which can be located at the position B/5, 2B/5 or B/2. The test body can be flooded through 10 external openings: One at the bottom of compartment 1, three at the side of the compartments 11, 14, 15, four freeing ports and a stern and bow door in compartment 22 (compare left hand side of Figure 1). The external openings are either closed or dynamically opened by pulling a plug. Furthermore, the test body is equipped with 18 internal openings which are either open or statically closed by a tape to generate the respective leak case.

4. MEASUREMENT DEVICES

Within the test campaign, the following quantities have been measured:

- Angular velocities and longitudinal accelerations in 3D (ship fixed coordinates),
- Translation and rotation on of the test body in 3D (earth fixed coordinates),

- Filling level in the flooded compartments (ship fixed coordinates)
- Pressure in the double bottom compartment.

The measurement devices are located in the fore and aftbody and are powered by three Lithium-Polymer rechargeable battery packs. The accumulated, measured data are transferred via a local WiFi connection the data processor, which is located next to the test facility. Through the chosen measurement device set-up it is ensured that the test body's motion is not influenced by any cable connections. Anyhow, some uncertainty considerations with respect to applied measurement devices have to be taken into account when evaluating the measured signal. The uncertainty of the measured signal depends on the measurement device and is given in this case for the 95% confidence interval.

The angular velocities and longitudinal accelerations are measured by an inertial measurement unit (IMU), which is placed in the forward compartment of the test body. The uncertainty of the measured values is $\pm 1\text{E-}3$ rad/s for the angular velocities and $\pm 1\text{E-}2$ m/s² for the accelerations. The angles and translations are measured by a stereo camera system. These magnitudes are measured with an uncertainty of $1\text{E-}3$ deg and $1\text{E-}4$ m respectively. The filling levels are measured via resistive wave probes. The uncertainty of the filling level has been determined to ± 1 mm. In this respect it is worth to mention that these sensors are sensible to the environmental conditions such as tank water quality, gas content of the water, ambient temperature and manufacturing imperfections on the wire distance of surface quality. Thus, these factors have to be taken into account within the calibration of these sensors to obtain a sufficient accuracy of the measure signal. The pressure of the double bottom compartments is measured by two piezo resistive pressure transducers. The uncertainty of the measured signal is ± 0.2 mbar.

More details about the measurement devices are given in (Dankowski et al. 2014) and (Pick 2009).

5. VALIDATION

For the validation of the quasi-static calculation method, test cases with initial flooding obstruction e.g. through longitudinal bulkheads, engine casings and girders have been selected to quantify their influence on the course of flooding. Within the following evaluation, emphasis has been given on the evaluation of the roll angle, since this quantity is also of interest of the evaluation of the intermediate flood stages within the current damage stability regulation framework. At the following leak cases, the test body has been tested at its' design condition (compare Table 1).

5.1 Leak Case 1

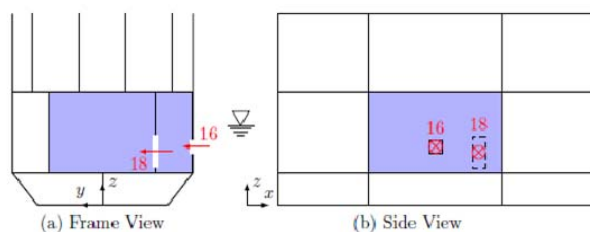


Figure 2: Side damage and long. bulkhead at B/5 with door opening

The first leak case presented here is a damage scenario with initial flooding prevention through a longitudinal bulkhead. The leak case is shown in Figure 2. The model is flooded through a side damage opening (16) and a door opening (18) in the longitudinal bulkhead at B/5. The initial flooding prevention is caused by the longitudinal offset of these two openings.

The measured roll motion and filling level is shown in Figure 3. The filling level sensor 27 is located in compartment 14 close to the shell, sensor 28 is located in compartment 13 at mid ships. The plug has been pulled at time

instant 0s. After opening the leak, the test body starts rolling to starboard after 1s at a nearly constant roll velocity of 9 deg/s. The water propagation in the compartment is characterized by an inhomogeneous water distribution, caused by the jet and spray in compartment 14.

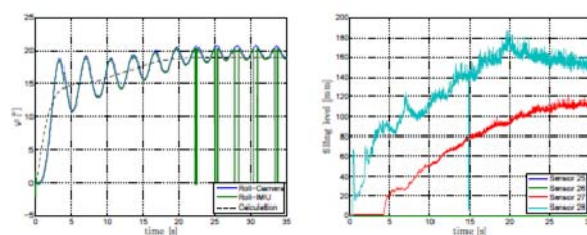


Figure 3: Roll motion (left) and filling level (right) of leak case 1.



Figure 4: Video sequence at time steps 3s, 6s and 20s for leak case 1.

This fact is also visible in the difference of the filling level signals for sensor 28 and 27 in Figure 3. After about 3s, the inner side of the leak opening becomes submerged so that the incoming water flux starts to decrease continuously as a consequence of the rising hydrostatic pressure in the compartment (compare Figure 4 at 3s).

The change in the water flux causes a lower roll velocity so that the test body starts to decelerate. Due to the inertia of the test body, an overshoot angle of 18 deg is reached after 3.5s. Form the comparison with the static righting lever curves including fluid shifting moments shown in Figure 5 follows, that the dynamic roll angle is about twice as high as it would be in the ideal static case with an equal filling level distribution (compare curve for 20% average filling level).

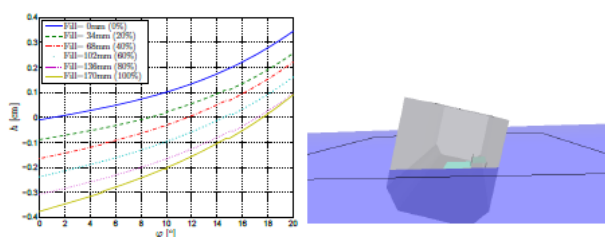


Figure 5: Static righting lever curve (left) and level difference in the compartments 13&14 at 3s (right)

Since the restoring and inclining moments are at this angle not in equilibrium, the vessel starts to roll back to port side. This dynamic process induces a natural roll motion to the test body of about 4 deg amplitude. After about 6s, the inner opening (18) becomes completely immersed and the water level raises quasi-static within the two compartments (see Figure 4 at 6s). At the time instant of 20s, the test body reaches its final floating condition at an average roll angle of 19 deg. The two compartments are almost completely flooded (compare time instant 20s in Figure 4).

From Figure 3 follows, that the basic effect of the initial flooding prevention is the increased roll velocity and large overshoot angle at the beginning of the flooding process. The increased roll velocity is in general well represented by the quasi-static method, as the comparison in Figure 3 illustrates. The quasi-static method shows also a change in the roll velocity where the inner side of leak opening becomes immersed, but the induced roll motion including its overshoot angle cannot be resolved. The magnitude of the roll velocity has been slightly underestimated by the calculation method which is assumed to be caused by the more inhomogeneous water distribution at the model test and the inertia of the model. Furthermore, the course of the measured and calculated roll motion reveals that the immersion of the leak opening results also in a balancing process of the water levels at the longitudinal bulkhead. At the previous time steps, the water level had been significant higher in the wink tank compartment due to the larger pressure difference at the leak opening

(compare Figure 5 (right) and Figure 4 at 3s). As the mass flux through the leak opening decreases, the pressure difference at the longitudinal bulkhead is sufficient to raise the water level up to the values of the wink tank compartment. This balancing of the water levels equalizes the whole flooding process so that roll velocity decreases further between the time instants 5-8s. Finally, both the numerical model and test body reach their final floating position after about 20s. The comparison of the final calculated and measured roll angle indicates that calculated value is slightly lower. This fact is assumed to be related to the accuracy of the determined vertical centre of gravity. The vertical centre of gravity had been determined from an inclining experiment and turns out to be slightly underestimated for the considered leak case.

5.2 Leak Case 2

This leak case has been selected according to the findings from the European Gateway accident in 1974 (compare Dankowski 2013). A principal sketch of the involved compartments is shown in Figure 6.

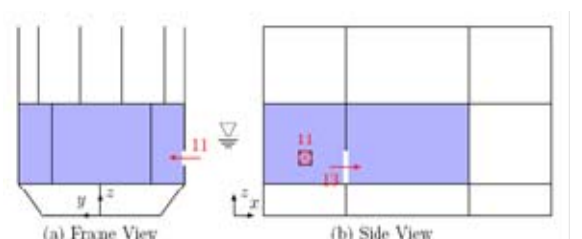


Figure 6: Side damage in the auxiliary engine room compartment and open bulkhead door

The test body is flooded through a small side damage in the auxiliary engine room compartment (11) and progressive flooding is taking place through the door openings in the transversal and longitudinal bulkheads. The measured roll angle and filling level are shown in Figure 7. Level sensor 25 had not been connected during this leak case. Level sensor 26 is located in the auxiliary engine room compartment at starboard, near the leak, sensor 27 is located in the forward compartment close

to the bulkhead door and sensor 28 is located in the starboard wing compartment. The plug has been again pulled at time instant 0s. The test body comprises a slight initial heel to portside.

After the leak had been opened, the water starts to flow to portside as a consequence of the initial heel angle. This process induces a corresponding roll motion to the test body. After about 2s, the water level in front of the engine box has increased significantly so that a roll motion is initiated towards the opposite direction, which is characterized by a sudden shift of the water volume to starboard (compare time instant 2s in Figure 7 and Figure 8) and results in a roll velocity of 3 deg/s. After about 5s, the test body reaches an intermediated flood stage at a roll angle of 10 deg.

At this time instant, the inner side of the

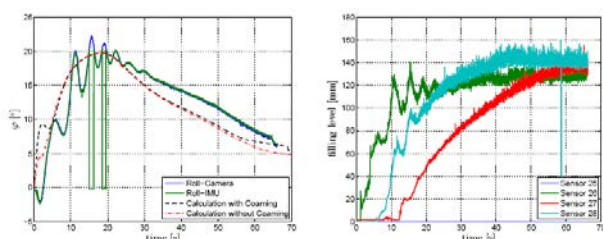


Figure 7: Roll motion (left) and filling level (right) of leak case 2.



Figure 8: Video screen shots of compartment 11 at 1s, 2s und 17s.

leak opening becomes fully immersed so that the mass flux, driven by the pressure head difference in and outside the compartment, is reduced. While the inclining moment through the free water surface remains nearly constant at this time step, the additional water volume causes a reduction of the test body's vertical centre of gravity, similar to the effect of a ballast water tank, which gives in turn a reduction of the roll motion at time instant 5-7s.

After 7s flooding time, the opening in the transverse bulkhead becomes immersed and progressive flooding is taking place in the forward compartments (compare time step 7s in Figure 9 and filling level sensor 27 in Figure 7).

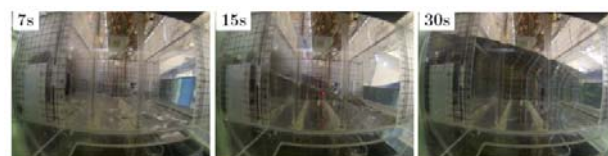


Figure 9: Video screen shots of compartment 12,13 and 14 at 6s, 15s and 30s.

This flooding process yields to a more asymmetric water distribution within the test body and increases the roll angle up 20 deg after 15s. The test body's motion at the time instants up to 20s is characterized by an oscillatory roll motion which is assumed to be caused by the sudden immersion and emergence of the door opening in the transverse bulkhead and the inertia of the model. At time instant 20s, the door opening in the longitudinal bulkhead at portside becomes immersed so that the portside wing compartment is flooded correspondingly. This flooding process reduces the roll moment and induces consequently a slow up righting movement of the test body. The up righting process takes about 40s and is assumed to be influenced by the fluid damping within the compartments. This thesis is also supported by the fact that induced roll motion declines rapidly after time step 20s. After about 65s, the test body reaches its' final equilibrium position at a roll angle of 7 deg.

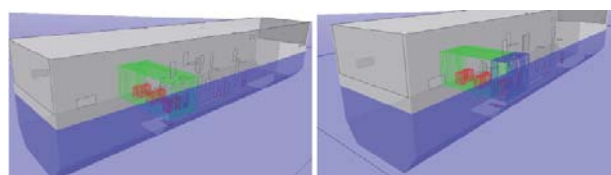


Figure 10: Numerical model without coaming (left) and with coaming (right).

The numerical model has been tested with two configurations, shown in Figure 10. The first configuration considers the compartmentation according to the general



arrangement of the test body. The engine casings are modelled as void spaces to cover their displacement effect.

In the second configuration, additional openings with coamings have been added at the starboard engine box to account for the corresponding water accumulation within the first time instants. A similar modelling strategy had been applied at the accident investigation of the European Gateway (compare Dankowski 2013). The comparison of the measured and calculated roll motion in Figure 7 indicates that the course of flooding has been predicted by both numerical models with a satisfactory accuracy since the up righting and rolling characteristic is very similar. However, the intermediate roll angle at time instant 15s is slightly underestimated which is assumed to be also related to the a difference the vertical centre of gravity (compare also roll angle differences at the final floating condition). In terms of the initial heel angle, it had been observed that an initial heel to portside cannot be correctly covered by the quasi-static method, since this heel angle would also result in a final heel angle to portside (at 65s).

The effect of the coaming and thus initial flooding prevention of the engine box can be identified from the comparison of the two calculated roll motion curves: The initial flooding prevention increase the intermediate roll angle but does not affect the course of flooding in the later time steps. Nevertheless, if it is considered, that the intermediate measured roll angle at time instant 5s comprises a dynamic contribution due to the inertia of the test body, the degree of flooding prevention is well represented by the second numerical model (with coaming).

Finally, the comparison between measured and calculated roll motion indicates, that the up righting process after 20s is significantly slower at the model test than predicted by the numerical calculation. This fact confirms the previous made assumption that up righting process is possibly influenced by the fluid

damping of the water e.g. at the longitudinal bulkheads which may have a similar effect as nozzle plates of passive roll damping tank.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The results for above presented leak cases indicate that the course of flooding is well represented by the calculated values of the quasi-static calculation method. Thus, the comparison between the estimated and measured flooding process allows drawing the conclusion that the quasi-static water propagation proves to be the main driver for the flooding of enclosed spaces. Further effects such as additional energy dissipation or the dynamic elevation of the free surface are of minor importance for the considered leak cases. Furthermore, the results of leak case with initial flooding prevention at the engine boxes indicate, that such dynamic water accumulation can be modelled with sufficient accuracy by introducing some virtual coamings at the engine casing. This finding is also in line with accident investigation of the European Gateway in Dankowski 2013.

Nevertheless, the comparison between measured and calculated flooding sequence indicates also an area of improvement with respect to the consideration of water and body dynamics.

These quantities may not be disregarded for cases where the vessels exact motion is of interest. Such cases may comprise a dynamic immersion of non water tight openings which can lead to the progressive flooding of further compartments. The body dynamics could be approximated by dynamic model to solve the corresponding equation of motion. This dynamic model could be connected to the quasi-static method to increase its' prediction accuracy in terms of the roll angle magnitude.

With respect to the evaluation of the full-scale time dependent damage stability of ships, it has to be mentioned that the accuracy of the



prognosis depends on the available input data and the level of detail of the numerical model. Chadi et al. 2009 have summarised possible influencing factors on the time dependent damage stability such as scale effects on the fluid flow, geometric similarity (e.g. permeability of the compartments, representation the buoyancy body and weight items, consideration of internal structures etc.) as well as the consideration of the time dependent structural integrity of openings such as windows, doors etc. The presented quasi-static calculation method can account for most of these factors but requires in turn a sufficient accuracy of the input values (e.g. pressure height of collapsing windows, discharge coefficients etc.) which are sometimes not available. Thus, the numerical model may compromise in the level of detail and the respective input data is often subject to assumptions. However, the accident investigations of Dankowski 2013 and full-scale measurements Ruponen 2010 indicate, that the general course of flooding of full-scale ships is well represented by the quasi-static method, even if assumptions regarding the discharge coefficient or time-dependent openings are made.

Summarising the findings above, the quasi-static calculation method is in the view of the authors an appropriate tool for the estimation of a ship's time dependent damage stability and can enhance the identification of critical intermediate stages of flooding.

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Dynamic Extension of a Numerical Flooding Simulation in the Time-Domain

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ABSTRACT

A fast and explicit numerical flooding simulation has already been validated with the help of results from model tests and successfully applied to the investigation of several severe ship accidents like the one of the Costa Concordia. The progressive flooding method in the time-domain computes the flux between the compartments based on the Bernoulli equation combined with a quasi-static approach for the evaluation of the current floating position.

The numerical method is now extended to take into account the effects of the dynamic motion of the vessel during the flooding. As it has been observed by recent model tests, the dynamic motion of the vessel might play an important role for the flooding process especially during the initial transient phase after the damage occurred. To take this into account, the hydrostatic evaluation during each time step is replaced by an integration of the equation of motions in the time-domain.

The extended method will be validated with results from the model tests to demonstrate the influence of the dynamic motion of the vessel on the flooding process. In addition, the new model test campaign of various flooding cases are described. The enhanced method allows to give an in-depth view on the dynamic propagation of the flood water after a damage to the watertight integrity of a ship occurred. Effects like the acceleration or delay of the flooding by the dynamic motion of the vessel itself are investigated. In addition, the dynamic extension is compared with the results obtained from the quasi-static approach to demonstrate the applicability of both methods.

The extension of the already very powerful numerical flooding method will not only better resolve the initial phase of flooding. It will also accelerate the existing method, since the search for a new hydrostatic equilibrium is replaced by fewer volumetric calculations for the integration of the equation of motions. Applications of such a fast numerical flooding simulation in the time-domain are complex accident investigations and next generation damage stability tools to be used on-board for decision support. A reliable and fast prediction of the flooding sequence after a damage occurred assist the crew to decide whether an evacuation of the vessel is required or not.

Keywords: *Progressive Flooding; Sinking; Dynamic Flooding; Ship Design; Accident Investigation; Ship Safety*

1. INTRODUCTION

In the past, a numerical flooding simulation has been developed and presented in sev-

eral publications (Dankowski, 2012; Dankowski and Dilger, 2013; Dankowski, 2013; Dankowski et al., 2014). To further extend and validate the method, a research project called LESSEO has

been initiated. Within this project, a model test campaign has been conducted and the numerical methods to compute the time-dependent damage stability of ships were extended or newly developed.

First results of this research project were presented in Lorkowski et al. (2014). Additional test cases and new results are also given in Lorkowski et al. (2015). The focus of this paper is on the dynamic extension of the numerical flooding simulation. The underlying physical model is described together with the validation on two test cases from the model test campaign.

The numerical methods are implemented in the ship design environment E4, a first-principal ship design software used and developed at our institute together with partners from the German shipbuilding industry. In doing so, direct access to the whole ship data model and already implemented computational algorithms like hydrostatic evaluations is granted.

2. NUMERICAL METHODS

First, the quasi-static method is summarized. A more detailed description including validation test cases can be found in Dankowski and Krüger (2012; 2013). Second, the dynamic extension of this method is described, which takes into account the dynamic movement of the ship and its influence on the flooding process. This is accomplished by the solution of the non-linear differential equation of motions of the vessel.

2.1 Quasi-Static Method

The quasi-static method has been developed to estimate the time dependent damage stability of ships. It is assumed that most flooding incidents are mainly driven by the relatively slow progressive flooding of the ship and dynamic effects can be neglected. Its focus is on the fast and accurate computation of different scenarios to investigate full scale accidents. Several accident investigations have already been

successfully performed, while the last investigation was on the accident of the Costa Concordia (Dankowski et al., 2014).

The method is in general capable to consider time dependent openings by a pressure height criterion and defined closure/opening times for watertight doors. Furthermore, an air compression model according to Boyles law has been implemented to account the effect of trapped air within the compartments.

The floodwater ingress and the spreading of the floodwater inside the vessel are computed by a hydraulic model for the water fluxes. For each time step, the new distribution of the floodwater inside the complex inner subdivision of the ship is computed and a new floating equilibrium position is determined based on the new resulting hydrostatic moments caused by the floodwater.

Details of the method will roughly be sketched in the following. The pressure head differences at the openings lead to a water in- or egress to the watertight integrity of the ship or between two inner compartments:

$$dz = \frac{p_a - p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{u_a^2 - u_b^2}{2g} + z_a - z_b, \quad (1)$$

$$u = \sqrt{2g \cdot dz}. \quad (2)$$

By integrating the velocity u over the area of the opening, the volume flux is determined assuming a perpendicular flow direction to the opening. Any dissipative losses are taken into account by a semi-empirical discharge coefficient C_d :

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = Q = \int_A \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_A \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA. \quad (3)$$

The solution of this integral becomes more complicated if the opening is large and of arbitrary shape and orientation. Therefore, larger openings are discretized in smaller, elementary parts for which an analytical solution of the volume flux can be determined.

The connection of all compartments by openings can be modelled by directed graphs.

Each compartment is represented by a node and the openings are the corresponding edges.

2.2 Dynamic Flooding Simulation

Especially during the initial phase of flooding, the dynamic motion of the ship can have a significant influence on the flooding process. Larger roll oscillations are also observed during the model tests. To better study the influence of the dynamic motions of the vessel, the existing flooding model is extended by means of the numerical solution of a non-linear ordinary differential equation of motions of all six degrees of freedom. The general structure of this equation with \mathbf{x} as the state vector writes as follows:

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} \quad (4)$$

where \mathbf{M} is the generalized mass matrix including added masses, \mathbf{B} is the damping matrix and \mathbf{C} is the stiffness matrix together with the external forces \mathbf{F} as the right hand side. All of the components of this equation are strongly non-linear, since these depend on the changing mass properties of the vessel by the ingressing flood water and the right hand side is evaluated by a direct computation of the hydrostatic properties for the current floating position.

Since the focus on this method is on a first study of the influence of the dynamic motions on the flooding process and to even improve the computational runtime of the method, the following simplification is applied: The damping matrix is assumed to be a percentage of the mass matrix, as so for the hydrodynamic masses.

On the other hand, the stiffness matrix is directly derived from the current hydrostatic stiffness matrix and no linearization is done here. The external forces on the right hand side are defined by the resulting hydrostatic forces due to gravitation and buoyancy for the current mass properties and the floating condition at each time step.

During the flooding process, it is supposed that especially the changing mass distribution

has a large impact on the motions. The current fluid masses in the different compartments are known at each time step, such that these can be compiled to update the mass matrix concurrently.

In practice, this is done by initially computing the overall mass matrix of dry and wet (filling in tanks and the flood water) components from the current loading condition, then subtracting again the wet part at the beginning and by updating the current wet part of the mass matrix from the distribution of the flood water at each time step.

The numerical solution of the differential equation is performed by the adaptive 4-5th order Runge-Kutta method by Fehlberg (1969). Due to the fact that the search for a new hydrostatic equilibrium is now replaced by the numerical efficient integration of the differential equation, less costly hydrostatic evaluations are required and the computational runtime is significantly reduced. In addition, it is in most cases sufficient to update the mass matrix only at each outer time step and not in between the Runge-Kutta steps, which further reduces the required computational effort.

This model will be compared to the test cases to identify if it is appropriate to compute such physical problems with this numerical method. The validation will also be used to identify important effects which play an important role in this scope to further improve the model.

3. MODEL TESTS

Before coming to the results from the validation, the model test setup will briefly be described. Further details can be found in Lorkowski et al. (2014; 2015).

The model is shown in Figure 1 together with its main dimensions in Table 2. The whole model is build out of acrylic glass. Around one third of the model around the mid section can be flooded including the main deck. Most of the measurement equipment is located in the aft and



Figure 1 The inclined model in the test basin after flooding

fore part of the model below the main deck.

Table 1 Main Dimensions of the Model

Length over all	L	2.02 m
Breadth	B	0.42 m
Depth	D	0.42 m
Draught	T	0.18 m
Displacement	Δ	144 kg

The following quantities are measured during the model test campaign:

1. Filling levels in the flooded compartments
2. Model's motions in six degrees of freedom
3. Air pressure in the double bottom

The measurement setup has been developed at the Institute of Mechanics and Ocean Technology of the Hamburg University of Technology. In the following, a brief overview about the measurement setup is given. Further details about the measurement setup are given in Lorkowski et al. (2014); Pick (2008).

3.1 Filling Levels

The filling levels in the flooded compartments are measured by filling level sensors. The physical principle of these sensors is based on Ohm's law: The water changes the electrical resistance and thus the voltage between the wires. The change in voltage is proportional to the fill-

ing level. The relationship between voltage and filling is derived from the calibration of the sensors (see also Figure 2). The data of each filling level sensor is stored continuously on its own memory card with 228 Hz and written to a file. Through this procedure, it is ensured that the filling level data is at any time step synchronously with the other measurement devices.



Figure 2 The level sensors during calibration

Furthermore, the water level in the compartments is recorded by three high speed cameras. These cameras are capable to capture the filling level of the flooded compartment with a rate up to 240 frames per second. The video data of the cameras is used to verify the measured filling levels of the filling level sensors and to provide some background information on the flooding process.

3.2 Motion Tracking

The vessel's motion is measured by a combination of an inertial measurement unit (IMU) with an optical stereo camera system. The data of both measurement devices is combined via a Kalman filter to obtain the overall highest accuracy in terms of acceleration, velocity and altitude in all six degrees of freedom. The accuracy for the translational degrees of freedom is less than 0.1 mm and for the rotational degrees of freedom less than 0.01 degree (Pick, 2008).

3.3 Inner Subdivision

The subdivision of the model is shown in Figure 3. The subdivision of the mid ship section has been designed according to a typical subdivision layout of a RoRo vessel. The floodable compartments are indicated by the light blue color.



Figure 3 General arrangement sketch of the test body

In horizontal direction, the model consists of the main and the tank top deck. In longitudinal direction, the model is subdivided through the side and center casing on the main deck, the center line girder in the double bottom and the two longitudinal bulkheads above the tank top. The longitudinal bulkhead at starboard can be adjusted to the positions $0.2 B$, $0.35 B$ and $0.5 B$.

The compartment in the aft of the mid section above the tank represents a typical engine room compartment. The displacement of the engines has been considered through three watertight boxes. The C-shaped fore compartment is similar to a typical bunker tank compartment. The large cargo hold compartment above the main deck comprises a closeable bow and stern door and four freeing ports. Every floodable compartment is equipped with an air pipe to avoid incomplete flooding events as a result of compressed air pockets.

3.4 Openings

The four different geometric shapes of the openings has been derived from typical openings on board of ships such as stair cases, bulkhead doors, man holes, holes for pipes in the double bottom etc.

The openings are indicated by the colored boxes in Figure 3: Openings through bulkheads are marked with a crossed box, openings in decks are marked with a blank box. The external openings are indicated by the green color, internal openings are indicated by the yellow color.

The model can be flooded through ten external openings: One in the bottom below tank top, three side openings above tank top, two doors and four freeing ports on the main deck.

The external bottom and side openings are located below the water surface and can be opened by pulling a plug, which is connected to a thin rope. The surface of the plug has been manipulated with fabric-tape, to ensure satisfactory sealing characteristics. Compared to other sealing materials such as rubber or foam, the chosen material offers the advantage that the surface of the plug can be accurately adjusted to the opening dimensions by adding very thin layers of tape. In addition, some grease were applied to further improve the sealing. This procedure allows to keep the required pulling force to a minimum to avoid any induced side or roll motion of the vessel while opening the plug.

3.5 Motion Exciter

The model can be excited via a motion exciter, which has initially been developed by Otten (2008). The original exciter were newly constructed for the model tests and is shown in Figure 4.

The motion exciter consists of two masses, which are driven by an electrical motor. The masses rotate about the vertical axis in contrary direction and at the same speed. Depending on the orientation of the motion exciter, the masses

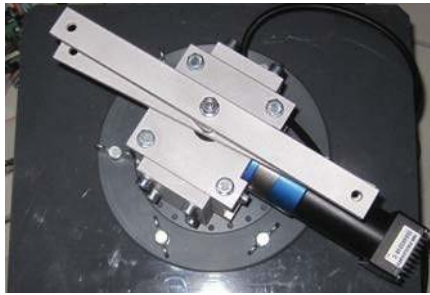


Figure 4 The top view of the used motion exciter

overlap either in longitudinal or transverse direction in such a way that a roll or pitch moment is induced to the model. The frequency of the motion exciter can be varied by adjusting the voltage of the electric motor via an transformer.

4. THE INVESTIGATED TEST CASES

From the comprehensive model test campaign two test case are selected to compare the measured results with the computed values from the quasi-static method and the dynamic flooding computation.

The validation test cases are selected to have a significant dynamic roll motion, where only the average mean values can be reproduced by the quasi-static method. Both cases have a symmetric layout but result in a final equilibrium heeling angle of around 5 degrees, while heeling angles up to 20 degrees occur during the intermediate stages of flooding.

The following computational setup for the two test cases are used:

Table 2 Computational setup in full scale

Testcase		A	B	
Outer time step	dt	0.5	0.5	s
Damping factor	f_B	2	5	%
Initial roll velocity	$\dot{\varphi}_0$	-0.4	0.5	°/s
Initial stability	\overline{GM}	0.52	0.51	m

The computations are performed in full scale with a model scale of $\lambda = 100$ resulting for ex-

ample in a time step of $dt = 0.05$ s in model scale. The typical computational time for one of the model test cases, which lasted around 100 seconds, is approximately 3-5 seconds.

4.1 Damage Case A

The setup of the first test case is shown in Figure 5. The model is flooded through a side damage below the water line. The water further spreads to the other side through a longitudinal bulkhead and from the center through a door to the compartment located further aft in model.

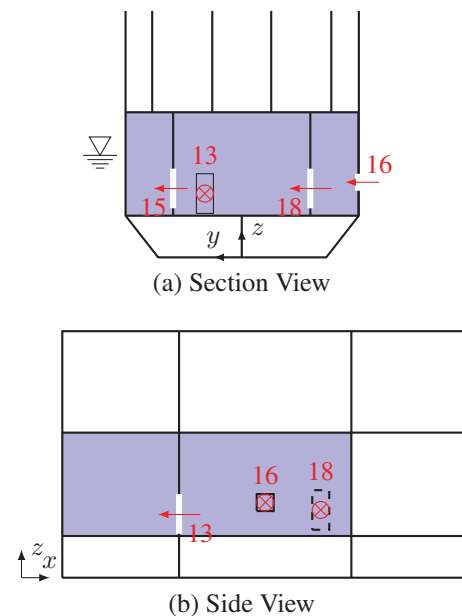


Figure 5 Setup Case A

The roll angle of the model observed during the model tests together with the computed ones are shown in the plot in Figure 6.

Since the water is first prevented by the longitudinal bulkhead, the roll angle increases very fast at the beginning. After around one second, this increase slows down before the maximum roll angle of a little more than 20 degrees is reached after 20 seconds. After this point, the model uprights again before it comes to rest at around 5 degrees of heel.

Even though the damage case has a symmetric layout, the final equilibrium is not upright. This can be explained by the fact, that the final

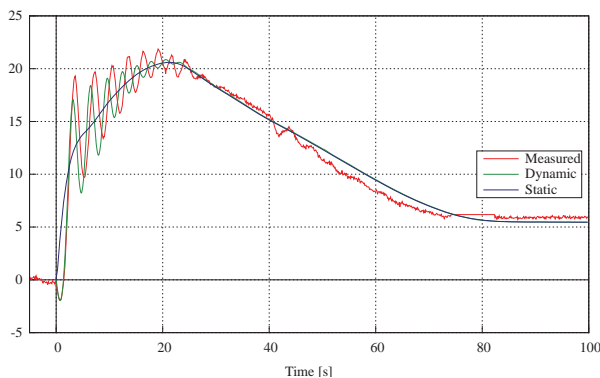


Figure 6 Case A: Roll motion measured and computed

equilibrium would not be stable at an heel angle of zero, but the model finds its new and stable equilibrium at around 5 degrees.

The motion of the vessel highly oscillates at the beginning until the maximum heel angle is reached. After this point, the flooding slows down, the motion is highly damped by the additional flood water and the progressive flooding phase continues.

The quasi-static computation can only predict the mean average motion of the vessel. However, this general mean motion is quite well reproduced.

The results obtained from the dynamic flooding method match all phases of flooding of this test case very well. At the start, the initial small roll velocity leads first to a small angle to port side before the very unsteady phase follows. Even though, only a very simplified damping model is assumed, the computed motion matches quite well with the measured one. This can be explained by the fact that most of the damping simply comes from the additional flood water.

4.2 Damage Case B

The layout of the second test case is more simple as shown in Figure 7. Only one compartment is flooded through a side damage. This compartment is of C-shape kind if looking from

above. This shape leads to a quite complex flooding behaviour since the small channel at the front prevents an immediate symmetric flooding of the whole compartment.

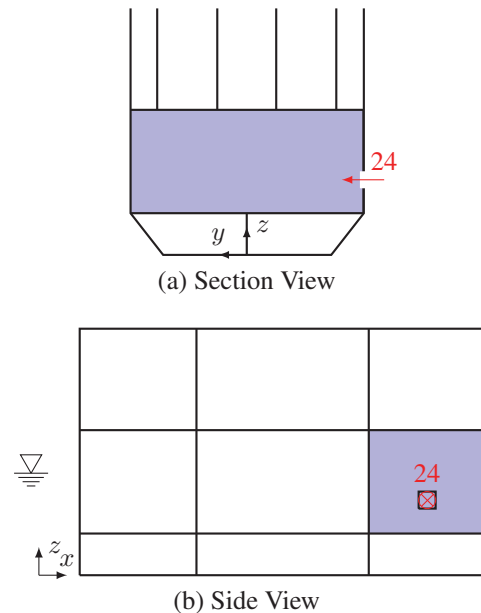


Figure 7 Setup Case B

To better illustrate the complex and irregular flooding, two snapshots from the video taken during the model test is shown in Figure 8. The camera is located in front of the flooded compartment and looks to the aft in direction of the leak.



(a) After around 2 seconds



(b) After around 4 seconds

Figure 8 Case B: Snapshots from the flooding

It can be depicted from the snapshots that at the beginning the incoming water jet hits the wall opposite to the leak and the water propagates with an uneven and irregular surface further through the channel to the other side.

The measured roll angle is compared to the values obtained from the numerical methods as shown in Figure 9.

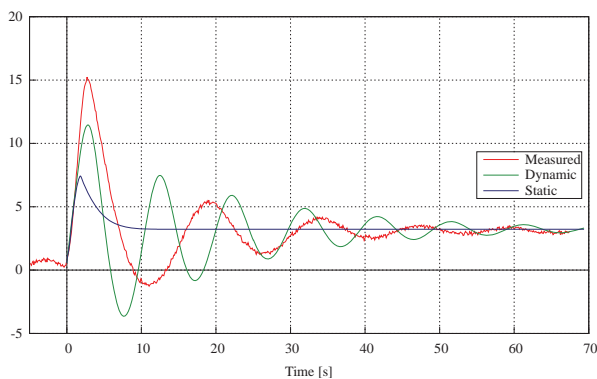


Figure 9 Case B: Roll motion measured and computed

First, the heel angle increases quite fast to around 15 degrees. A strongly damped roll oscillation follows before the model comes to rest at around 3.5 degrees. The final equilibrium is again not at zero degrees, because the initial stability would not be sufficient.

The quasi-static method finds the same final equilibrium but it reaches this point after only 10 seconds. The measured time and the time computed with the dynamic method is around 5 times larger.

The roll oscillation and the movement of the model is again quite well reproduced by the dynamic simulation. However, the damping which is observed during the model is higher and more non-linear. The roll period is faster stretched compared to the computed values. But the general dynamic motion behaviour is also shown by the numerical method, since around the same maximum heel angle is reached and also the overall flooding time is very similar.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

An existing powerful flooding simulation method has been successfully extended by a dynamic model. This does not only reproduces the real flooding behaviour better, it is also more efficient by means that the computational time is reduced.

The dynamic extension has been validated with the help of two model tests of a large test campaign. The results and the comparison from these tests are very valuable, since it allows to better understand such complex flooding phenomena.

The dynamic motions computed with the new dynamic model matches quite well the observed behaviour during the model tests. This could be further improved by a more complex and better computation of the real damping forces and the added masses.

The numerical flooding simulation is improved by its applicability and its performance, which is a very important step to bring such systems also on board of ships. Only an appropriate accurate and sufficient fast numerical method to compute the dynamic flooding behaviour of ships in the time domain would help and assist the crew on board to make the correct decision after a severe damage to watertight integrity of the ship happened.

A further extension to include also the influence of waves is possible, but several accidents in the past have shown that many of these accidents mainly caused by a damage to the hull followed by flooding happen in calm water. Vessels like the Costa Concordia or the Express Samina suffered an underwater damage in coastal regions at a moderate or quiet sea state.

In addition, the extended method could also be used to re-evaluate already investigated accidents or to apply it to new accident investigations to learn from these and to improve the overall safety of ships.

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URANS Simulations for a Flooded Ship in Calm Water and Regular Beam Waves

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ABSTRACT

CFD simulations are conducted for zero-speed damaged passenger ship SSRC in calm water and waves with 6DOF motions including flooding procedure in calm water, roll decay in calm water and motions in regular beam waves for various wavelengths. The simulations model the 6DOF soft spring experimental mount, the one- and two-room flooding compartment configurations, including both intact and damaged conditions. For flooding and roll decay, simulations show ability predict the trend of increases in roll period and damping due to flooding, as reported in ITTC (2002). The damping magnitudes were often under-predicted with large errors while the roll period and compartment water height were well predicted. Two-room compartment simulation showed three times larger damping than one-room compartment cases whereas the roll period was similar for both conditions. For wave cases, all motions show primarily 1st order response, except for parametric roll condition which shows large $\frac{1}{2}$ harmonic response for the intact ship. The 2nd order responses are small for both damaged and intact ship. The larger roll period and damping for the damaged ship shift the peak of responses to smaller wave frequency and reduce the amplitude of responses. The average error is often large for 1st order intact ship pitch and damaged ship surge and pitch and for most $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2nd order responses. Large errors could be partially due to the complex mounting system in the experiment. Overall, current CFD results show better predictions than those reported for potential flow solvers even though the computational cost is larger.

Keywords: CFD, Damage Ship Stability, Calm Water, Beam Waves

1. INTRODUCTION

Safety is of high priority in ship design but poorly understood and often in conflict other important requirements such as powering, seakeeping and maneuvering. To meet new energy efficiency IMO guidelines requires a reduction in the main engine output. However, lowering output may result in diminished seakeeping and maneuvering performance. Finalization of the guidelines for minimum power requirement is in progress. Intact/damaged and static/dynamic stability are all major concerns.

Damaged dynamic stability is most complex and been research focus as summarized by the last several ITTC Stability in Waves Committee and Specialist Committee Reports. Flooding process, floodwater dynamics and ship motions are studied. Passenger and ferry ships are specified as benchmarks for experimental and simulation studies. For the zero-speed calm water damaged condition, the roll period and damping are larger than for the damaged condition. Increasing KG showed larger roll period and smaller damping and increasing floodwater height showed both larger roll period and damping. Tests for regular and



irregular waves indicated second harmonic roll motion and capsizes, respectively. Recent focus is on time to flood and safe return to port and survival boundaries in irregular waves.

Potential flow methods are the common numerical approach to study the damaged ship stability (Papanikolaou et al., 2000; Palazzi and De Kat, 2004). The 6DOF damaged ship motions in waves are solved by various strip theory or panel based methods. The viscous effects are treated by semi-empirical approaches. The inflow and outflow of water through the openings is computed by the Bernoulli based equations including orifice, sluice gate and weir equations. The non-linear sloshing effect inside the compartment is often neglected, and the internal water surface is assumed to be either horizontal or a freely movable plane. The capability of potential flow methods for a damaged passenger ship (PRR1) with zero-speed was evaluated in 23rd ITTC Specialist Committee on Prediction Methods of Extreme Ship Motions and Capsizes using several benchmark experimental data for free roll decay in calm water, motion in regular waves and survivability boundaries in irregular waves (ITTC, 2002). The potential flow predictions were only assessed for motions and not evaluated for floodwater height. The results from several potential flow tools showed overestimation of the damped roll frequency ($E=-22\%D$) and underestimation of logarithmic roll damping coefficient ($E=62\%D$) for roll decay, scattered results for regular waves with large over prediction for roll frequency ($E=-15\%D$) and amplitude ($E=-91\%D$), and only qualitative agreement with experimental data in irregular waves. Note that the comparison errors were not given in ITTC report and calculated by authors as $E=(D-S)\%D$ between the experimental data (D) and simulation (S) values.

The CFD study of the damaged ship is performed for very limited cases. Few studies only used CFD to predict the dynamic effect of floodwater and then coupled with the potential flow solvers for ship motion prediction (Strasser et al., 2009; Gao et al., 2013).

Therefore, the accuracy of the predicted motions was still associated with the level of nonlinearity implemented in the potential flow solver. The complete physics-based CFD simulations are conducted only for the ship in calm water with semi-captive condition. Gao and Vassalos (2011) demonstrated the capability of CFD prediction for roll decay prediction of a damaged ship for initial angle $\pm 5^\circ$. The simulations were conducted for 1DOF and 2DOF conditions with free roll motion w/ or w/o sway motion. Gao et al. (2011) validated motions and floodwater heights for 3DOF damaged barge in calm water free to heave, roll and pitch. The time history of roll motion showed quite large error ($E\sim 200\%D$) during the initial part of the flooding procedure while it is predicted well after the compartment is fully flooded. Additionally, the heave and pitch motions were well predicted with $E<5\%D$. The trends of computed floodwater heights were generally consistent with the experimental measurements. However, there were differences between numerical simulation and experiment which could not be quantified.

Herein, the capabilities of physics-based CFD simulations are assessed for zero-speed ship flooding and roll decay in calm water and regular beam waves with 6DOF motions using the experimental data provided by Lee et al. (2015). The simulations model the soft spring experimental mount, the one- and two-room flooding compartment configurations, including both intact and damaged conditions. The errors are evaluated for floodwater and motions using the experimental data. The level of the errors is compared with that from previous potential flow studies and the cost and benefit for the current approach is described.

2. EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION DATA

2.1 Facility, model, mount, measurement systems

The tests are conducted in the Seoul National University (SNU) towing tank, which



is 110 m long, 8 m wide and 3.5 m deep. A 1:82.75 scale, L=3.0 m geosim of the SSRC passenger ship is used for the experiments. Model-scale geometric parameters are summarized in Table 1. The model is appended with a compartment installed at the mid-ship as shown in Fig. 1a. The compartment is divided by a side wall into two rooms connected through a small hole, so that there is a cross-flooding between the rooms. Both compartment rooms have ventilation holes on their roof to have atmosphere pressure inside the rooms during flooding. The flooding occurs through a gate located on the starboard side of the compartment. The compartment layout is shown in Fig. 1b.

Table 1 The main particulars of SSRC

Description	Particulars
Ship Model	
Length between perpendiculars [m]	3
Beam (B/L) [-]	0.143
Draft (T/L) [-]	0.034
Damage length [m]	0.150
LCG/L [-]	0.520
KG/L [-]	0.032
Radius of gyration along x-axis [-]	0.053 (0.0501*)
Radius of gyration along y-axis [-]	0.250
Radius of gyration along z-axis [-]	0.250
Heave and pitch frequency	1.003 Hz
Roll frequency	0.487 Hz
Damaged Compartment	
Number of Rooms	Two
Compartment shape	Box
Ventilation hole	Yes
Opening door shape	Rectangular
Opening door length	0.0727
Opening door height	0.061

*adjusted k_{xx}

In the experiments, the ship was located in the mid-tank, free to all degree of motions. For wave cases, the aft and fore of the model were attached to the stationary carriage using four springs to compensate the drift motion of the ship in the experiment. All springs were initially installed to be parallel and close to the free surface. A simple mass-spring measurement showed that the spring force has linear behavior within the range of possible spring length during the experiment. The

effective spring stiffness is shown to be 5.946 N/m and the spring forces are off by 6.8148 N from the one estimated by $F=kx$. For flooding of the compartment, its gate was opened using an air cylinder that pulled up the gate in the vertical direction. The opening time was approximately 0.09 second in model scale and it was confirmed that the induced roll motion due to the opening mechanism was negligible.

Table 2 The EFD and CFD test matrix for SSRC

Type	ϕ_i (deg)	# of comp. room	sea condition	validation variables
Flooding	0.0	-	Calm water	$\phi, \zeta_{A,B,C}$
Intact roll decay	-13.7 -20.5	-	Calm water	ϕ
Damaged roll decay	-15.6	1	Calm water	ϕ
	15.9	1		ϕ
	-25.5	1		$\phi, \zeta_{A,B,C}$
	26.7	1		ϕ
	-28.6	2		$\phi, \zeta_{A,B,C,D,E}$
Intact beam waves*	-	2	$\lambda/L=0.52, 1.17, 1.99$ 2.20, 2.42 $H/\lambda=1/60, 1/100$	$x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi$ $\zeta_{A,B,C,D,E}$
Damaged beam waves*	-	2	$\lambda/L=0.52, 1.17, 1.99$ 2.20, 2.42 $H/\lambda=1/60, 1/100$	$x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi$ $\zeta_{A,B,C,D,E}$

*CFD simulations in waves are only conducted for $H/\lambda=1/60$.

Two measurement systems were used for the experiments: flooding water and ship motion measurement systems. The height of the flooding water was measured by five capacitance type wave probes at locations A, B, C, D, E in the compartment (ζ_i ; $i=A,B,C,D,E$) as shown in Fig. 1b. The 6DOF motion responses ($x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi$) were measured with a combination of the accelerometers and inertial measurement unit (IMU). The IMU was mainly used for the roll motion measurement in the free roll decay test. The accelerometers were used to obtain 6DOF motion responses from the test results in regular waves. From the measured accelerations, the 6DOF motion responses of the model were obtained using the strap-down method. It should be noted that the accelerations were first filtered using band-pass filtering in Matlab and then numerically

integrated to get velocities. The velocity data were filtered again and numerically integrated to produce displacement. Thus the experimental data reduction technique might have influence on the accuracy of the data. More details of the experimental setup and measurement system are reported in Lee et al. (2012, 2014) and Lim et al. (2015).

2.2 Conditions and validation variables

The experimental test matrices are provided in Table 2. The tests include flooding procedure in calm water for damaged SSRC, roll decay in calm water for intact and damaged SSRC, and motions in regular waves for intact and damaged SSRC. All tests were performed for zero Fr with free motions. Roll decay test were conducted by imposing different initial roll angle including $\phi_i = -13.7^\circ$ and -20.5° for intact ship and about $\phi_i = \pm 16^\circ$ and $\pm 26^\circ$ ($+15.9^\circ$ and -15.6° ; $+26.7^\circ$ and -25.5°) for the damaged ship with one-room compartment and $\phi_i = -28.6^\circ$ with two-room compartment. The negative initial roll angle represents rolling toward the damaged side. The regular waves tests were conducted for two wave steepness conditions $H/\lambda = 1/100$ and $1/60$ as shown in Table 2. The wave periods were 1, 1.5, 1.995, 2.055, 2.155 sec, chosen to be distributed around the natural roll period of the intact SSRC which is 2.055 second (see Table 1). The wave periods correspond to $\lambda/L = 0.52, 1.17, 1.99, 2.2, 2.42$. The wave heading was 270 deg (beam waves), approaching the ship from the damaged side. Both rooms were included in the damaged ship tests in waves.

As shown in Tables 2, the validation variables for calm water cases include ϕ and $\zeta_{A,B,C}$ for flooding and ϕ for all roll decay cases plus $\zeta_{A,B,C}$ and $\zeta_{A,B,C,D,E}$ for $\phi_i = -25.5^\circ$ and -28.6° , respectively. For waves, the validation variables include $x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi$ and $\zeta_{A,B,C,D,E}$.

3. COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

The code CFDSHIP-Iowa v4.5 (Huang et al., 2008) is used for the CFD computations.

The simulations are conducted in absolute inertial earth-fixed coordinates. $k-\varepsilon/k-\omega$ with no wall function is used for turbulence model. A single-phase level-set method is used for free-surface capturing. The 6DOF rigid body equations of motion are solved to predict the ship motions. Dynamic overset grid technique is used to allow motions for the ship. The governing equations are discretized using finite difference schemes on body-fitted curvilinear grids. The time derivatives in the turbulence and momentum equations are discretized using second order finite Euler backward difference. Convection terms in the turbulence and momentum equations are discretized with higher order upwind formula. The viscous term in momentum and turbulent equations are computed with similar considerations using a second order difference scheme. Projection method, a two-stage fractional step scheme, is employed to couple pressure field and velocity effectively. In order to solve the system of discretized governing equations, between three and five inner iterations are used in each time step and solutions are considered to be converged once the error for velocities, pressure, and level set reach to less than 10^{-5} , 10^{-8} , and 10^{-5} respectively.

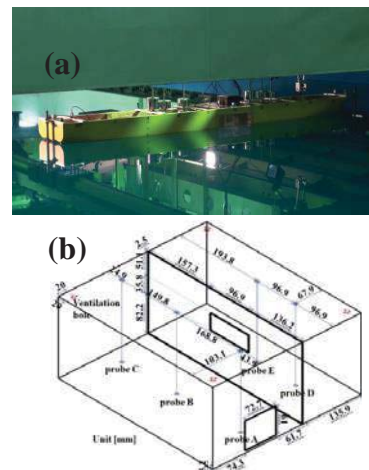


Figure 1 The damaged SSRC model: (a) SSRC hull geometry; (b) compartment layout.

3.1 Soft spring mount modeling

Similar to the experimental setup, springs were included in the regular wave simulations to counteract the wave drift forces while the

ship model is still free to all modes of motion. The spring forces for all 6DOF were computed in earth coordinate system and then transformed to ship-fixed coordinate system with origin at the center of gravity (G) to be considered in the equations of motion. The spring moments in ship-fixed coordinate were calculated by cross product of the moments' arm and forces described in ship-fixed coordinate.

The displacement of each spring was found in earth coordinate system based on the position of the two ends of that spring. For spring i , one end is attached to the ship at point P_i and another is attached to the carriage at point C_i . The location of P_i changes during simulation as it is located on the ship. The location of P_i in earth coordinate system was found based on:

$$r_{P_i} = r_G + R \cdot d_{P_i} \quad (1)$$

Here, r_{P_i} and d_{P_i} are the displacement vector of P_i in earth and ship coordinate system, r_G is the displacement vector of G in earth coordinate system, and R is the rotational matrix from ship to earth coordinate system.

The force for the i^{th} spring attached to the ship at point P_i and the carriage at C_i was calculated as follows:

$$F_i = \frac{r_{C_i} - r_{P_i}}{|r_{C_i} - r_{P_i}|} \cdot f(r_{C_i} - r_{P_i}) \quad (2)$$

where, F_i is the force vector in earth coordinate system and f is the spring force function which is dependent on the spring displacement. In this study, the formula found from experiment is used.

The total spring induced forces in earth coordinate system (F) are sum of the forces induced by each spring as shown in Eq. (3). Then the total forces were transformed into ship coordinate system (Eq. (4)).

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^4 F_i \quad (3)$$

$$F' = R^{-1} \cdot F \quad (4)$$

where F' is the total spring induced forces in ship coordinate system.

For the spring moments, each spring force was transformed to ship coordinate system first and then the moment induced by each spring was calculated by cross product of the moments' arm and forces:

$$F'_i = R^{-1} \cdot F_i \quad (5)$$

$$M'_i = (r_{C_i} - r_{P_i}) \times F'_i \quad (6)$$

$$M' = \sum_{i=1}^4 M'_i \quad (7)$$

After calculating the spring forces and moments in ship-fixed coordinates, they were added to the total forces and moments applied on the right hand side of the equations of motion. The total forces and moments are the fluid forces and moments integrated at each time step not only on the ship hull but also inside the flooded compartment. This means that the change of the ship mass and/or center of gravity due to the flooding are already included in the integrated forces and moments. Therefore, there's no need to modify the ship mass, moment of inertia or center of the gravity unlike the traditional methods. In the traditional methods, the flooded compartments are treated often as an additional weight to the ship. The added weight then changes the center of gravity and moments of inertia of the ship and consequently the equations of motion have to be solved for the ship with the new properties.

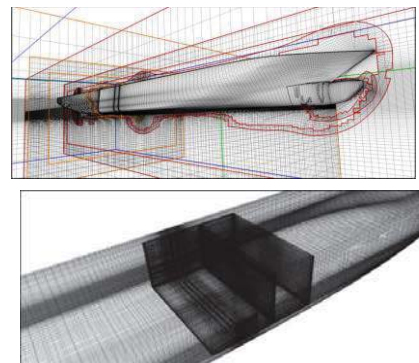


Figure 2 Grid topology for damaged SSRC and compartment.



3.2 Domain, boundary conditions, grids, conditions, and analysis method

The computational domain extends from $-1.5 < x < 1.5$, $-1.2 < y < 1.2$, $-1 < z < 0.25$ for roll decay and flooding procedure simulation and $-1.5 < x < 1.5$, $-2 < y < 1$, $-1 < z < 0.25$ for regular wave simulations of intact/damaged SSRC in dimensionless coordinates based on ship length. The ship axis is aligned with x with the bow at $x=0$ and the stern at $x=1$. The y axis is positive to starboard with z pointing upward. The free surface at rest lies at $z=0$.

Several types of boundary condition are used in this CFD study. The far field boundary conditions are imposed on the top and bottom of background. The no-slip condition is applied on the solid surfaces on the hull or inside the compartment. On the sides, the zero gradient boundary condition is applied. For calm water simulation, the inlet and exit boundary conditions are used for inlet and outlet of the domain. For waves, the inlet and outlet boundary conditions are calculated from the linear potential flow solution of waves.

Table 3 CFD and EFD comparison of roll motion for calm water cases

Type	ϕ_i	EFD/CFD	f_d			δ			α			$\bar{\phi}$	ϕ_m			Ave.
			f_d^p	f_d^s	Ave.	δ^p	δ^s	Ave.	α^p	α^s	Ave.		ϕ_m^p	ϕ_m^s	Ave.	
Flooding		EFD	0.452	0.439	0.446	0.083	0.201	0.142	0.037	0.088	0.063	-2.489	0.93	0.81	0.87	
		CFD	0.436	0.433	0.435	0.042	0.122	0.082	0.018	0.053	0.036	-2.472	2.68	2.58	2.63	
		E%D	3.54	1.37	2.47	49.40	39.30	42.25	51.35	39.77	43.20	0.68	-188.17	-218.52	-202.30	65.78
Intact Roll Decay	-13.7	EFD	0.489	0.488	0.489	0.181	0.193	0.187	0.089	0.094	0.092	0	8.24	9.25	8.75	
		CFD	0.486	0.487	0.487	0.120	0.096	0.108	0.058	0.057	0.058	0	9.14	9.1	9.12	
		E%D	0.61	0.20	0.41	33.70	50.26	42.25	34.83	39.36	37.16	0.00	-10.92	1.62	-4.29	19.04
	-20.5	EFD	0.493	0.492	0.493	0.267	0.241	0.254	0.132	0.119	0.126	0	12.48	11.81	12.15	
		CFD	0.490	0.488	0.489	0.242	0.187	0.215	0.119	0.091	0.105	0	13.18	11.73	12.46	
		E%D	0.61	0.81	0.71	9.36	22.41	15.55	9.85	23.53	16.33	0.00	-5.61	0.68	-2.55	8.16
	Ave. E%D		0.61	0.51	0.56	21.53	36.33	28.90	22.34	31.45	26.75	0.00	8.27	1.15	110.19	13.60
Damaged Roll Decay	-15.7	EFD	0.438	0.441	0.440	0.391	0.159	0.275	0.171	0.070	0.121	-2.897	5.74	10.39	8.07	
		CFD	0.444	0.442	0.443	0.255	0.128	0.192	0.114	0.057	0.086	-2.480	7.17	11.01	9.09	
		E%D	-1.37	-0.23	-0.80	34.78	19.50	30.36	33.33	18.57	29.05	14.39	-24.91	-5.97	-12.71	17.13
	15.9	EFD	0.438	0.437	0.438	0.336	0.193	0.265	0.147	0.084	0.116	-2.628	7.68	14.29	10.99	
		CFD	0.445	0.445	0.445	0.241	0.170	0.206	0.107	0.076	0.092	-2.354	8.08	13.93	11.01	
		E%D	-1.60	-1.83	-1.71	28.27	11.92	22.31	27.21	9.52	20.78	10.43	-5.21	2.52	-0.18	11.04
	-25.5	EFD	0.444	0.440	0.442	0.385	0.188	0.287	0.171	0.083	0.127	-2.932	11.07	14.61	12.84	
		CFD	0.432	0.444	0.438	0.363	0.233	0.298	0.157	0.103	0.130	-2.351	11.07	16.61	13.84	
		E%D	2.70	-0.91	0.90	5.71	-23.94	-4.01	8.19	-24.10	-2.36	19.82	0.00	-13.69	-7.79	11.07
	26.7	EFD	0.443	0.444	0.444	0.356	0.268	0.312	0.157	0.119	0.138	-2.474	9.87	17.24	13.56	
		CFD	0.445	0.431	0.438	0.285	0.164	0.225	0.127	0.071	0.099	-2.373	9.96	13.61	11.79	
		E%D	-0.45	2.93	1.24	19.94	38.81	28.04	19.11	40.34	28.26	4.08	-0.91	21.06	13.06	16.46
	-28.6	EFD	0.434	0.432	0.433	0.542	0.183	0.363	0.235	0.079	0.157	-5.843	8.04	17.37	12.71	
		CFD	0.402	0.416	0.409	0.439	0.184	0.312	0.176	0.077	0.127	-4.995	9.66	16.95	13.31	
		E%D	7.37	3.70	5.54	19.00	-0.55	14.07	25.11	2.53	19.43	14.51	-20.15	2.42	-4.72	10.67
	Ave. E%D		2.70	1.92	2.04	21.54	18.94	19.76	22.59	19.01	19.97	12.65	10.24	9.13	7.69	13.28

Table 4 CFD and EFD comparison of water height inside the compartment for calm water cases

Type	ϕ_i	EFD/CFD	ζ_A		ζ_B		ζ_C		ζ_D		ζ_E		Ave. $\bar{\zeta}_j$	Ave. f_{ζ}	Ave.
			$\bar{\zeta}_A$	$f_{\zeta A}$	$\bar{\zeta}_B$	$f_{\zeta B}$	$\bar{\zeta}_C$	$f_{\zeta C}$	$\bar{\zeta}_D$	$f_{\zeta D}$	$\bar{\zeta}_E$	$f_{\zeta E}$			
Flooding	0	EFD	0.080	0.465	0.071	0.441	0.064	0.465	no comp. #2		no comp. #2				
		CFD	0.078	0.444	0.071	0.435	0.064	0.424							
		E%D	2.55	4.47	0.81	1.33	-0.39	8.74					1.25	4.85	3.05
Damaged Roll Decay	-25.5	EFD	0.073	0.428	0.064	N/A	0.055	0.437	no comp. #2		no comp. #2				
		CFD	0.074	0.415	0.068		0.063	0.430							
		E%D	-1.89	2.96	-6.49		-13.44	1.62					7.27	1.53	4.40
	-28.6	EFD	0.089	0.446	0.062	N/A	0.059	0.426	0.089	0.440	0.077	N/A			
		CFD	0.086	0.402	0.072		0.061	0.419	0.083	0.413	0.075				
		E%D	3.67	9.99	-16.27		-4.47	1.44	6.62	6.14	2.46		6.70	3.51	5.11

The computational grids are overset, with independent grids assembled together to generate the total grid. The grid includes the ship hull boundary layer, compartment room 1 and 2, ventilation hole, connection grids, refinements, and background. The boundary layer grids are small enough ($y^+ < 1$) to capture the boundary layer. Because the ship hull is symmetric respect to center-plane, the grid for one side of the ship was generated and then mirrored respect to center-plane. Two Cartesian grids are used for the inside of the rooms 1 and 2 of the compartment. Two connection grids are also used; one at the opening door located between the two rooms and another one located at the compartment door. A circular cylinder grid was designed for ventilation hole. Cartesian grids are used for several refinements around the ship. In addition, a Cartesian grid for background is used to impose the far-field boundary conditions. The grid size ranges from 2.4M to 28.5M depending on the damage/intact and calm water/wave conditions of the simulations. For calm water cases, the grid size is 6.3M for the intact ship and 19.8M and 28.5M for the damaged ship with one- and two-room compartment, respectively. For wave cases, the grid size for the intact ship is 7.09M-12.2M, finer for short wave cases. The grid size for the damaged ship is within 24.1M-27.1M grid points. For verification study, a fine grid with 19.9M and a coarse grid with 2.4M points are generated from the medium grid with 7.09M points using refinement/coarsen ratio of $\sqrt{2}$. The details of grid system for damaged SSRC with the two-room compartment are shown in Fig. 2.

For the coarse grid (2.4M), 32 CPUs have been employed in parallel running for 72 hours wall clock time with computational cost of 2300 CPUh. The computational cost increases with the increase of the grid size reaching to 97000 CPUh for the finest grid (28.5 M) as it requires 288 CPUs running for about 14 days. Compared to the presumably negligible computational cost for potential flow solvers, the computational cost for current CFD study is

large but it is a complete physics-based method which can be used for much more complex conditions compared to potential flow.

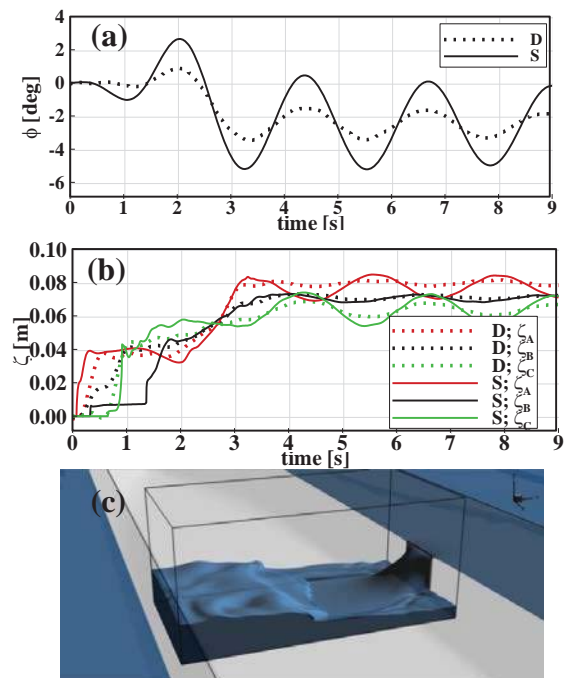


Figure 3 Flooding procedure for damaged SSRC in calm water: (a) roll; (b) floodwater height; (c) a snap shot of the predicted compartment flooding

The simulations are carried out in calm water and in waves, as shown in Table 2. The simulations are performed for the ship at zero Fr and free to all motions. For calm water, the flooding and intact/damaged roll decay cases with all different initial roll angles are simulated. For beam waves, the intact/damaged ship simulations are conducted only for the largest wave slope ($H/\lambda = 1/60$) for $\lambda/L = 0.52, 1.17, 1.99, 2.2, 2.42$. For all CFD simulations, k_{xx} value is adjusted to $0.0501L$ (see Table 1), found from preliminary roll decay simulation compared with the experimental data. It should be noted that experimental setup usually has difficulties to fix k_{xx} of the model to the desired value.

The validation variables are motions and water height as listed in Table 2. For flooding and roll decay, validation study is also conducted for the roll decay variables including mean roll angle (ϕ_{mk}), damping frequency (f_{dk}), logarithmic decrement (δ_k) and linear damping coefficient (α_k), and their averages over k roll

cycles (ϕ_m , f_d , δ , α), following roll decay analysis method described in Irvine et al. (2013). Harmonic analysis are conducted for the cases in beam waves.

4. VERIFICATION STUDY

Iterative U_I and grid U_G and time U_T size uncertainties were evaluated following Stern et al. (2001) and Xing and Stern (2010) for the intact configuration regular beam waves $\lambda=2.4L$ and $H/\lambda=1/60$ conditions. The verification variables included the 1st harmonic amplitude of 6DOF motions ($x_1, y_1, z_1, \phi_1, \theta_1, \psi_1$) and corresponding phases ($x_{\varepsilon 1}, y_{\varepsilon 1}, z_{\varepsilon 1}, \phi_{\varepsilon 1}, \theta_{\varepsilon 1}, \psi_{\varepsilon 1}$).

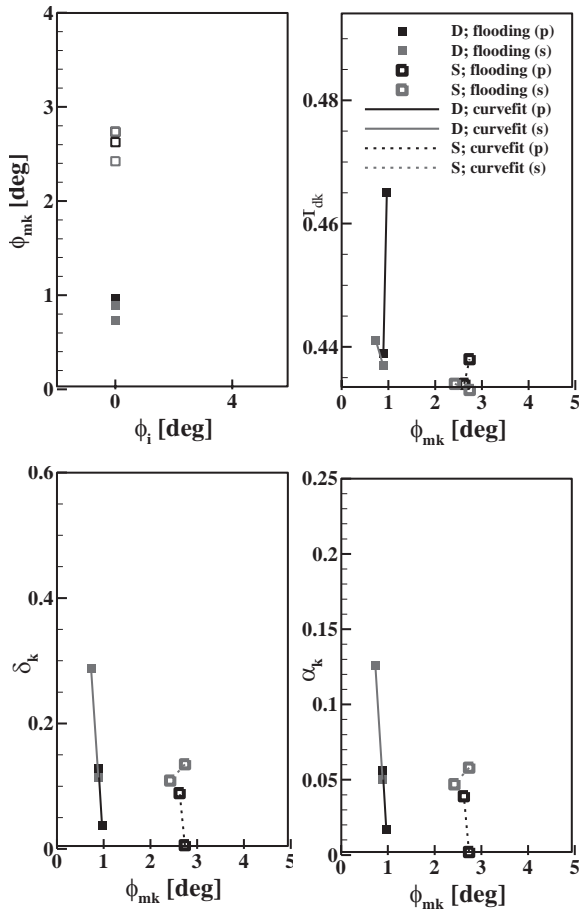


Figure 4 Variation of ϕ_{mk} with respect to ϕ_i and $f_{dk}, \delta_k, \alpha_k$ with respect to ϕ_{mk} for flooding

The verification study showed $U_I < 2\% S_1$ for both 1st harmonic amplitudes and phases with average values 0.75 and 1.22, respectively. The largest U_I was for surge and heave motions i.e.

x_1, z_1 and $x_{\varepsilon 1}, z_{\varepsilon 1}$. U_G/U_T were mostly MC and OC with small/large P values thus far from asymptotic range with average values 1.28/0.18 and 9.64/3.49 for amplitudes and phases, respectively. Similar to U_I , the largest U_G/U_T were for surge and heave motions. Average U_{SN} is 1.05 and 8.30 for amplitudes and phases, respectively. Further studies are needed for improved convergence and flooded conditions.

5. FLOODING

Fig. 3 shows a comparison of the experimental and computational roll and flooded compartment wave elevations along with a snap shot of the predicted compartment flooding.

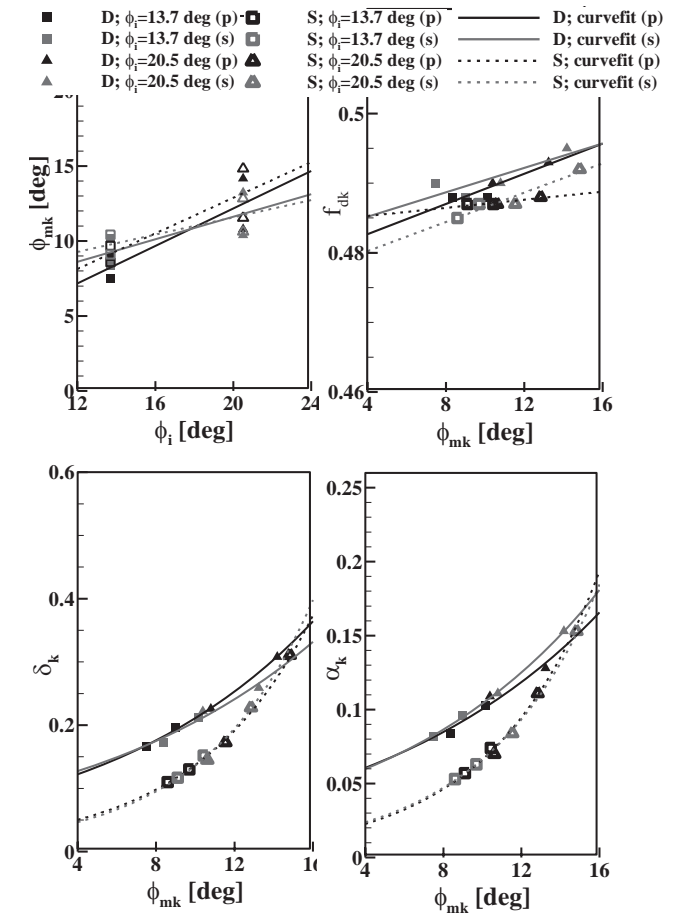


Figure 5 Variation of ϕ_{mk} with respect to ϕ_i and $f_{dk}, \delta_k, \alpha_k$ with respect to ϕ_{mk} for intact roll decay

Fig. 4 shows comparison of the experimental and computational ϕ_{mk} vs. initial roll angle (ϕ_i) and f_{dk}, δ_k and α_k vs. ϕ_{mk} .

Values are shown for both the port and starboard sides since the damaged roll response is asymmetric.

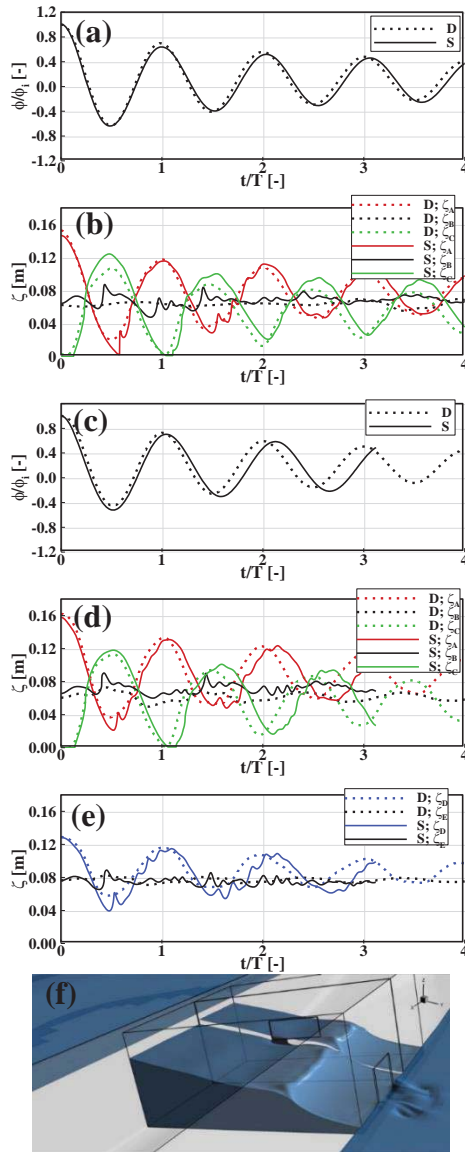


Figure 6 Results for damaged roll decay: (a) roll for $\phi_i = -25.5^\circ$; (b) floodwater height for $\phi_i = -25.5^\circ$; (c) roll for $\phi_i = -28.6^\circ$; (d) floodwater height in room #1 for $\phi_i = -28.6^\circ$; (e) floodwater height in room #2 for $\phi_i = -28.6^\circ$; (f) a snap shot of the predicted two-room compartment flooding

Table 3 and 4 summarizes the values and comparison error for the validation variables which are averaged over roll cycles. For f_d , CFD shows similar values for the intact and damaged side (~ 0.43) while EFD shows slightly larger value for the intact side. The error for f_d is 3.5%D for the intact side and 1.37%D for the damaged side, showing that CFD can predict the damaged ship roll

frequency quite well unlike the potential flow tools (ITTC, 2002). CFD results also show good agreement for heel angle $E < 1\%D$, and compartment wave elevation frequency/mean $E < 9\%/3\%D$, but the linear damping are under predicted by $E = 43\%D$ and consequently mean roll angle are predicted three times larger than EFD. The damped roll frequency is about 10% less than the one available for the intact ship roll decay, due to the lower GM value. Fig. 3c snap shot of the flooding compartment shows water entry with sloshing. The sloshing frequency is close to the damped roll frequency as shown in Table 4.

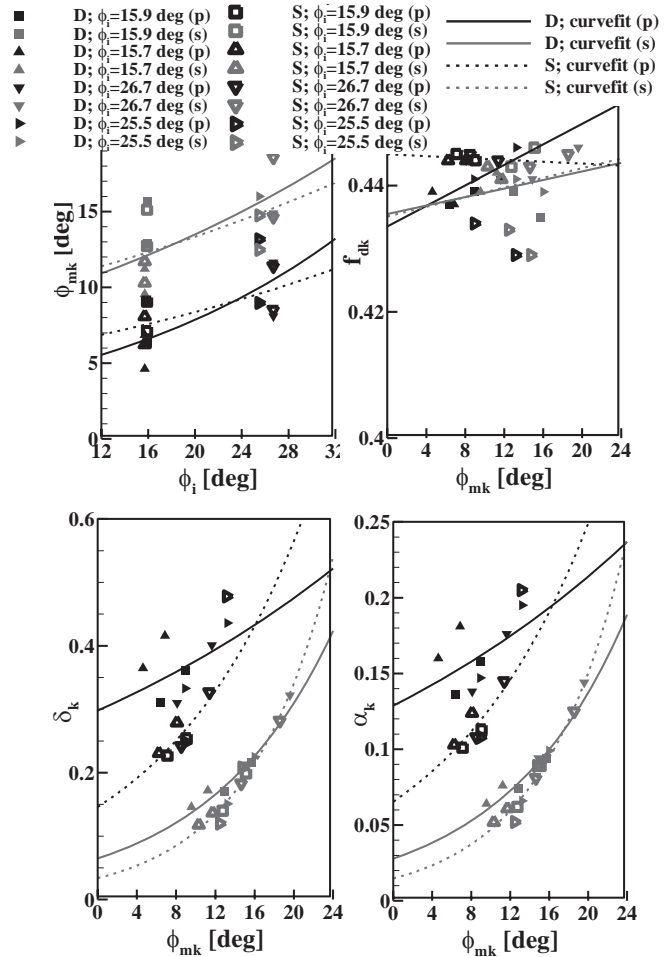


Figure 7 Variation of ϕ_{mk} with respect to ϕ_i and $f_{dk}, \delta_k, \alpha_k$ with respect to ϕ_{mk} for damaged roll decay

6. INTACT AND DAMAGED ROLL DECAY

Fig. 5 shows the comparison of the experimental and computational intact condition roll decay ϕ_{mk} vs. ϕ_i and f_{dk}, δ_k and



α_k vs. ϕ_{mk} . f_{dk} changes slightly during roll decay confirming that the restoring moment of the ship is fairly linear. The damped roll frequency is close to roll natural frequency (see Table 1) and about 10% larger than the damped roll frequency in flooding, as explained earlier. Table 3 summarize the values and errors for the validation variables. For f_d , E is <1%D for both intact roll decay cases, showing very good agreement with the experimental data. The E

values for linear damping is about 37%D for the intact case with smaller initial roll angle ϕ_i while the error decreases to 16%D for the case with larger ϕ_i . Nonetheless, the results show close agreement with the experimental data as the error for ϕ_m is 4% for the case with smaller ϕ_i , dropping to 2.5% for the case with larger ϕ_i . The simulations display strong roll, sway and yaw coupling for which validation data is not available.

Table 5 CFD and EFD comparison of 1/2, 1st and 2nd harmonic amplitudes for intact SSRC in beam waves with $H/\lambda=1/60$

λ/L		0.52			1.17			1.99			2.2			2.42			Ave E%D
		EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	
1st	x/A	0.030	0.034	-13	0.021	0.029	-42	0.017	0.010	39	0.025	0.016	35	0.013	0.015	-14	29
	y/A	0.533	0.525	1	0.673	0.843	-25	1.253	0.864	31	1.349	0.935	31	0.994	0.965	3	18
	z/A	0.936	1.530	-63	1.030	1.081	-5	0.853	0.893	-5	0.772	0.987	-28	0.728	0.978	-34	27
	ϕ/Ak	0.121	0.201	-66	0.548	0.354	35	4.786	4.720	1	6.297	5.543	12	5.643	5.038	11	25
	θ/Ak	0.022	0.011	49	0.007	0.030	-306	0.049	0.016	67	0.074	0.014	82	0.063	0.014	78	116
	Ψ/Ak	0.005	0.005	-1	0.009	0.019	-101	0.029	0.047	-61	0.046	0.056	-21	0.034	0.050	-48	46
	Avg. E%D			32			86			34			35			31	44
2nd	x/A	0.002	0.000	92	0.001	0.000	77	0.004	0.021	-458	0.011	0.000	95	0.008	0.000	95	163
	y/A	0.003	0.011	-225	0.006	0.012	-121	0.027	0.057	-111	0.119	0.009	92	0.109	0.006	94	129
	z/A	0.001	0.024	-3895	0.007	0.010	-47	0.201	0.059	71	0.150	0.017	89	0.168	0.006	96	840
	ϕ/Ak	0.003	0.027	-846	0.018	0.017	2	0.045	0.102	-128	0.027	0.057	-110	0.114	0.073	36	224
	θ/Ak	0.000	0.002	-1300	0.002	0.000	94	0.016	0.011	32	0.015	0.002	89	0.007	0.004	41	311
	Ψ/Ak	0.001	0.000	92	0.001	0.000	71	0.010	0.009	11	0.009	0.001	94	0.002	0.001	16	57
	Avg. E%D			1075			69			135			95			63	287
1/2	x/A	0.032	0.010	67	0.013	0.001	91	0.005	0.001	86	0.012	0.000	97	0.005	0.002	53	79
	y/A	5.602	0.565	90	0.004	0.036	-785	0.007	0.007	0	0.012	0.033	-178	0.117	0.007	94	229
	z/A	0.599	0.047	92	0.022	0.020	9	0.029	0.005	83	0.100	0.015	85	0.053	0.008	84	71
	ϕ/Ak	5.777	7.186	-24	0.007	0.148	-2016	0.044	0.184	-319	0.056	0.092	-64	0.719	0.073	90	503
	θ/Ak	0.069	0.002	97	0.007	0.002	75	0.002	0.001	48	0.010	0.000	96	0.009	0.001	91	81
	Ψ/Ak	0.058	0.044	23	0.001	0.005	-327	0.002	0.009	-475	0.003	0.002	50	0.002	0.004	-96	194
	Avg. E%D			66			550			169			95			85	193
Avg. E%D				391			235			113			75			60	175

Table 6 CFD and EFD comparison of 1/2, 1st and 2nd harmonic amplitudes for damaged SSRC in beam waves with $H/\lambda=1/60$

λ/L		0.52			1.17			1.99			2.2			2.42			Ave E%D
		EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	EFD	CFD	E%D	
1st	x/A	0.027	0.040	-49	0.022	0.023	-7	0.015	0.021	-40	0.011	0.017	-55	0.004	0.015	-298	90
	y/A	0.399	0.646	-62	0.573	0.832	-45	0.731	0.852	-17	1.017	0.903	11	1.094	1.053	4	28
	z/A	1.069	1.416	-32	0.966	1.016	-5	0.856	1.032	-21	0.810	1.088	-34	0.859	1.085	-26	24
	ϕ/Ak	0.140	0.288	-106	0.391	0.572	-46	2.033	1.092	46	4.520	4.388	3	5.539	5.162	7	42
	θ/Ak	0.025	0.033	-31	0.013	0.021	-60	0.013	0.021	-66	0.045	0.013	71	0.065	0.008	87	63
	Ψ/Ak	0.010	0.010	-3	0.009	0.009	-1	0.019	0.022	-15	0.029	0.042	-45	0.038	0.053	-40	21
	Avg. E%D			47			27			34			37			77	44
2nd	x/A	0.005	0.000	93	0.002	0.001	65	0.009	0.002	75	0.003	0.000	91	0.007	0.001	91	83
	y/A	0.004	0.004	10	0.011	0.019	-73	0.049	0.059	-20	0.070	0.018	75	0.119	0.005	96	55
	z/A	0.009	0.013	-36	0.011	0.017	-49	0.126	0.008	94	0.176	0.023	87	0.229	0.054	76	68
	ϕ/Ak	0.000	0.038	-9263	0.015	0.109	-603	0.066	0.083	-26	0.276	0.161	42	0.036	0.253	-603	2107
	θ/Ak	0.001	0.000	35	0.000	0.003	-809	0.000	0.000	-49	0.013	0.001	89	0.007	0.002	71	211
	Ψ/Ak	0.000	0.000	-35	0.001	0.002	-24	0.004	0.003	23	0.014	0.000	97	0.004	0.004	1	36
	Avg. E%D			1579			271			48			80			156	427
1/2	x/A	0.034	0.001	97	0.021	0.001	96	0.009	0.012	-29	0.002	0.000	78	0.003	0.001	78	76
	y/A	0.505	0.016	97	0.053	0.046	13	0.035	0.065	-84	0.070	0.085	-22	0.006	0.016	-188	81
	z/A	0.116	0.045	61	0.064	0.038	40	0.030	0.018	40	0.066	0.035	48	0.063	0.013	80	54
	ϕ/Ak	0.558	0.245	56	0.126	0.699	-456	0.143	0.425	-196	0.326	0.491	-51	0.027	0.301	-1019	356
	θ/Ak	0.008	0.001	86	0.004	0.002	40	0.004	0.000	89	0.007	0.001	79	0.002	0.001	23	63
	Ψ/Ak	0.010	0.000	98	0.005	0.009	-72	0.002	0.024	-1391	0.004	0.005	-10	0.002	0.018	-665	447
	Avg. E%D			82			120			305			48			342	179
Avg. E%D				569			139			129			55			192	217

Fig. 6 shows the comparison of the experimental and computational damaged condition roll decay and two compartment wave elevations along with a snap shot of the predicted two compartment flooding. The roll decay and floodwater height time histories show good agreement between the experimental data and CFD.

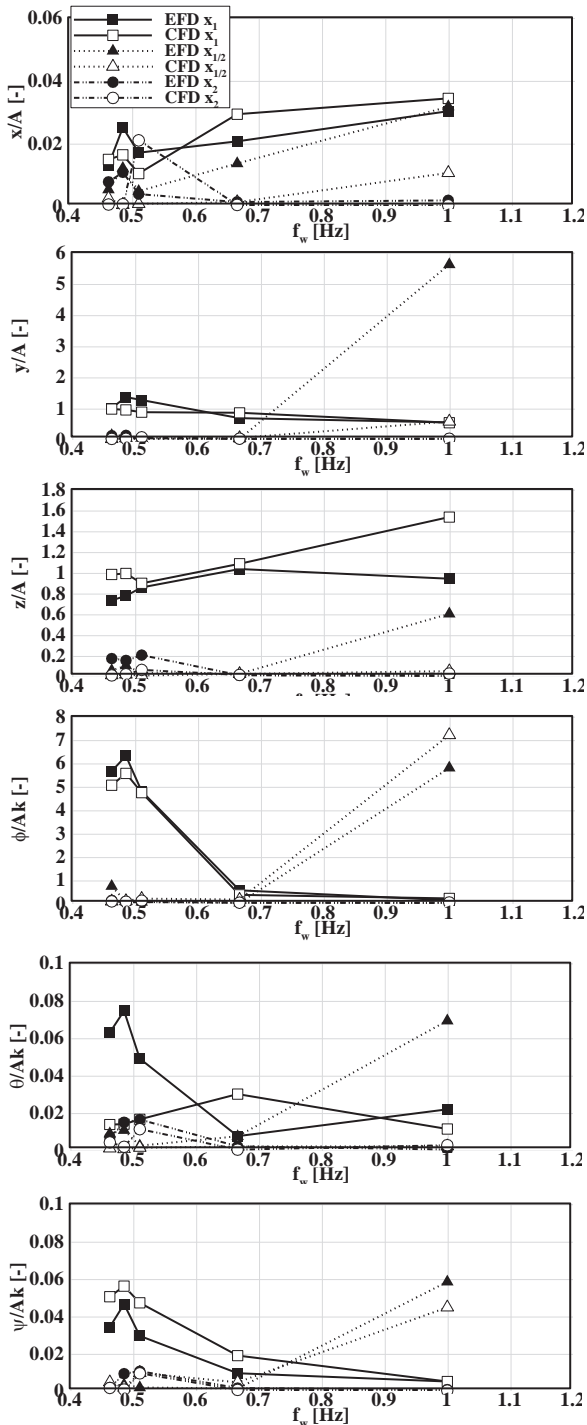


Figure 8 RAO of intact ship motions in beam waves with $H/\lambda=1/60$ for different wave frequency

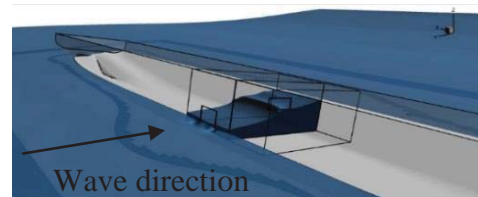
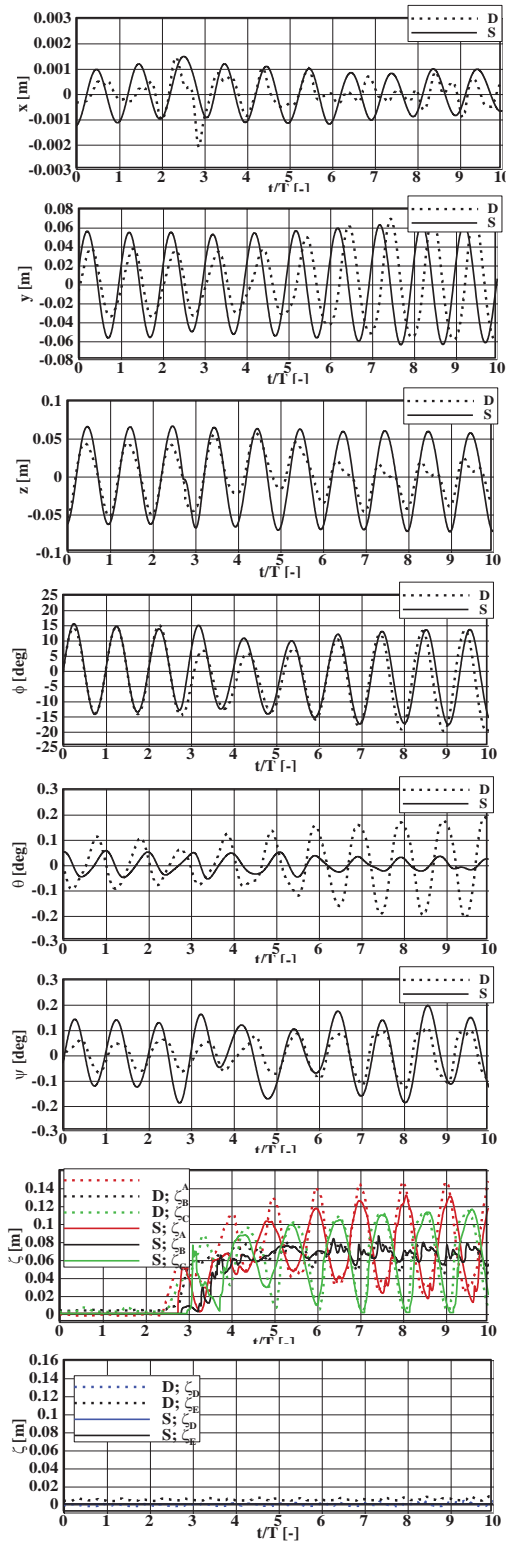


Figure 9 Time history of damaged ship motions in beam waves with $\lambda=2.42L$ and $H/\lambda=1/60$

Fig. 7 shows the comparison of the experimental and computational damaged condition roll decay ϕ_{mk} vs. ϕ_i and f_{dk} , δ_k and α_k vs. ϕ_{mk} . The experiments and simulations show scatter for the roll decay variables compared to the intact condition. The values are more scattered for portside. Tables 3 and 4 summarize the values and errors for the validation variables. Similarly as for flooding (and intact roll decay) the error for f_d is quite small for all damaged roll decay cases. The error is <2% for the cases with one-room compartment and <6% for the case with two-room compartment, showing much better prediction for current CFD studies compared to the potential flow studies (E~22%D), reported in ITTC (2002). α is mostly under predicted for current CFD simulations, same as for potential flow studies. However, the error values are within 2.4-29%D which is less than those reported for potential flow studies (E~62%D). The current results also show E=10.7-17%D for ϕ_m , E=1.4-10%D for wave frequency and E=1.9-16%D for mean wave elevation. Overall, the simulations are in both qualitative and quantitative agreement with the experiments. The simulations display strong roll, sway and yaw coupling for which validation data is not available. Fig. 6f snap shot of the two compartment flooding shows water entry with sloshing. The sloshing frequency is close to the damped roll frequency as shown in Table 4.

Comparison of the intact and damaged roll decay shows the damped roll frequency is 10%/11% smaller and damping is 15%/45% larger for the damaged ship with one/two -room compartment, which follows the stated trends in ITTC Stability in Waves Committee report (2002). Since the water height in both rooms are quite same, it was expected to have similar effect on the damped roll frequency for both one- and two-room compartment cases. However, the flooding water acts as an anti-rolling tank and damps the roll motion more quickly for the case with larger volume of flooded water. Additionally, the results showed average heel angle of -2.7

deg for one-room compartment and -5.84 deg for two-room compartment cases. The heel angle for one room compartment cases are comparable with the one for the flooding (-2.5 deg).

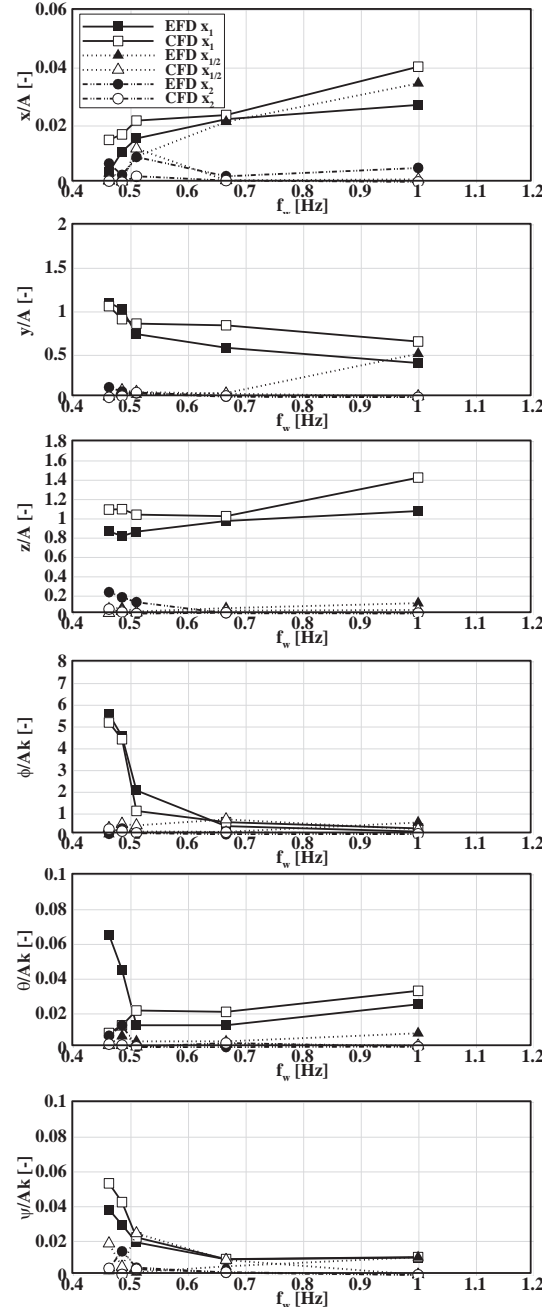


Figure 10 RAO of damaged ship motions in beam waves with $H/\lambda=1/60$ for different wave frequency

7. INTACT AND DAMAGED BEAM WAVES

Fig. 8 shows the comparison of the experimental and computational intact beam waves 6DOF 1st order (RAO), $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2nd order responses. Table 5 summarizes the validation variable and E values. All motions show primarily 1st order response, except for parametric roll condition which shows large $\frac{1}{2}$ harmonic response. The peak for roll, sway and yaw responses are at same wave frequency showing strong roll, sway and yaw coupling. The 1st order response for sway, roll and yaw is near the roll resonance condition while their large $\frac{1}{2}$ harmonic response is where the wave frequency is nearly twice of the roll frequency.

The heave 1st order response is quite large $z/A=1.0$, causing 1st order response for pitch and surge in beam waves due to surge, heave and pitch coupling. The 2nd order responses are small. The E value for 1st order responses is often larger for pitch motion with maximum error for $\lambda/L=1.17$, as the EFD value is surprisingly too small for that wavelength condition. Overall, the averaged errors for 1st order responses are quite similar for different wavelength conditions ($E \sim 31-35\%D$) without considering $\lambda/L=1.17$ test case. For $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2nd order responses, the average errors are 63-135% D and 66-169% D , respectively, excluding the large errors often shown for $\lambda/L=0.52$ and 1.17. Large E values could be due to the complex mounting system in the experiment. Nonetheless, the simulations are in both qualitative and quantitative agreement with the experiments.

Fig 9 shows the comparison of the experimental and computational damaged ship beam waves roll and flooded compartment wave elevations along with a snap shot of the predicted compartment flooding. Fig. 10 shows the comparison of the experimental and computational damaged beam waves 6DOF 1st order (RAO), $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2nd order responses. Table 6 and 7 summarizes the validation variable E

values. All motions show primarily 1st order response. Similarly as for the intact condition, the peaks for roll, sway and yaw responses are located at same wave frequency. Parametric roll ($\frac{1}{2}$ harmonic response) is not shown. The 2nd order responses are small. The average E value for 1st harmonic responses is within 27-77% D for different wavelength conditions. Among all motions, the largest errors are often for surge and pitch motions. Even though the average error for 1st harmonic roll amplitude for all the wavelength cases ($E=42\%D$) is quite large, it is still much smaller than the value report for potential flow studies in ITTC report ($E \sim 91\%D$) since the viscous effects are more accurately predicted. Similarly as for the intact condition, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2nd order variables show larger errors. Large error values could be due to the complex mounting system in the experiment. As shown in Table 7, the mean value of the compartment water height is well predicted with $E < 6.5\%D$ while $\frac{1}{2}$, 1st and 2nd harmonic amplitudes of the compartment water height show large errors. Nonetheless, the water heights are in both qualitative and quantitative agreement with the experiments, as shown in Fig. 9.

Comparing the intact and damaged ship shows that larger roll damping for the damaged ship reduces the amplitude of 1st order responses. Additionally, the peak for 1st order responses for the damaged ship (roll resonance) occurs at smaller wave frequency (longer wavelength) confirming larger roll period for the damaged ship. Similarly, the peak for $\frac{1}{2}$ order responses (parametric roll) should occur at longer wavelength due to flooding and thus more simulations between $\lambda/L=0.52$ and 1.17 are required to resolve the peak for $\frac{1}{2}$ order responses. Unlike the beam wave results for damaged passenger Ro-Ro ship reported in 23rd ITTC report (2002), 2nd order responses were small for SSRC damaged ship.



Table 7 CFD and EFD comparison of water height inside the compartment for beam wave cases

Type	λ/L	EFD/CFD	ζ_A				ζ_B				ζ_C				Ave.	Ave.	Ave.	Ave.	Ave.
			$\bar{\zeta}_A$	ζ_{A1}	ζ_{A2}	$\zeta_{A1/2}$	$\bar{\zeta}_B$	ζ_{B1}	ζ_{B2}	$\zeta_{B1/2}$	$\bar{\zeta}_C$	ζ_{C1}	ζ_{C2}	$\zeta_{C1/2}$	$\bar{\zeta}$	ζ_1	ζ_2	$\zeta_{1/2}$	
Damaged beam waves	0.52	EFD	0.079	0.017	0.007	0.005	0.069	0.002	0.006	0.001	0.065	0.016	0.006	0.007					
		CFD	0.076	0.023	0.008	0.002	0.069	0.002	0.009	0.000	0.067	0.022	0.008	0.002					
		E%D	3.05	-34.74	-10.63	63.96	-0.31	-64.75	-50.07	62.16	-3.22	-39.41	-24.89	63.71	2.20	46.30	28.53	63.28	35.08
	2.20	EFD	0.077	0.050	0.003	0.007	0.067	0.002	0.005	0.000	0.060	0.052	0.007	0.006					
		CFD	0.086	0.047	0.008	0.005	0.069	0.006	0.002	0.001	0.063	0.051	0.007	0.005					
		E%D	-10.45	4.28	-189.37	26.95	-4.06	-261.22	61.63	-53.63	-5.08	3.41	6.34	29.23	6.53	89.63	85.78	36.60	54.64
	2.42	EFD	0.074	0.055	0.002	0.003	0.066	0.004	0.006	0.000	0.064	0.057	0.008	0.004					
		CFD	0.078	0.060	0.009	0.000	0.066	0.011	0.004	0.001	0.067	0.056	0.011	0.001					
		E%D	-5.38	-8.35	-377.56	92.59	-0.31	-189.50	38.89	-119.14	-4.55	1.93	-36.41	82.16	3.41	66.59	150.95	97.96	79.73

8. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH

URANS capabilities are assessed for zero-speed ship flooding using experimental validation data for flooding and roll decay in calm water and regular beam waves at zero speed.

For flooding and roll decay, the simulations show the ability to predict the trend of increases in roll period and damping due to flooding, as reported in ITTC (2002). The damping magnitudes were often under-predicted similar to potential flow studies reported in ITTC (2002). However, the errors are smaller for current CFD studies ($E < 43\% D$) compared to those reported for potential flow ($E \sim 62\% D$) even though the computational cost is larger. The damped roll frequency and floodwater heights were well predicted with $E < 5.5\% D$ and $E < 7\% D$, respectively. Therefore, CFD could predict the hydrodynamic added moment of inertia due to the flooding unlike the potential flow as reported in ITTC (2002). Two-room compartment simulation showed three times larger damping than one-room compartment cases whereas the roll period was similar for both conditions. The simulations display strong roll, sway and yaw coupling for which validation data is not available. The compartment showed sloshing with a frequency close to the damped roll frequency for all calm water cases.

For the beam wave cases, all motions show primarily 1st order response, except for the parametric roll condition which shows large $\frac{1}{2}$ harmonic response for the intact ship. The 2nd order responses are small for both the damaged and intact ship, unlike ITTC (2002). The average error for 1st order responses is 44%D with large errors for the intact ship pitch motion and damaged ship surge and pitch motions. The results show that the average error for 1st harmonic roll amplitude ($E = 42\% D$) is much smaller than that for potential flow studies in ITTC (2002) ($E \sim 91\% D$) since the viscous effects are more accurately predicted. $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2nd order variables show also large errors. Large error values could be due to the complex mounting system in the experiment. The compartment water height mean value was predicted very well ($E < 6.5\% D$) while $\frac{1}{2}$, 1st and 2nd order water height amplitude show large errors. The trend of responses against the wave frequency is similar for sway, roll and yaw motions and also for surge, heave and pitch motions due to the strong coupling between them. For the damaged ship, the larger roll period and damping shift the peak of responses to smaller wave frequency and also reduce the amplitude of responses.

In future, the damaged ship behavior in beam waves approaching the ship from the intact side will be studied. Additionally, damaged stability for the self-propelled free running ship in following or head waves will be investigated.

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Session 7.3 – DYNAMIC STABILITY

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ABSTRACT

Stability has always been the biggest concern of vessels owners, operators and naval architects. Stability defines the safety and operability of a vessel, and for any activities to take place, these two points have to be fulfilled. The stability of offshore vessels has become an issue with the trend of increasing roles and unpredictable operations that one offshore vessel has throughout its lifespan.

This paper attempts to provide a ship designer's perspective on the stability issues based on our own experience and suggests a modified dynamic stability criteria more suitable for these offshore vessel operations.

KEYWORDS: *Stability of offshore vessels; Offshore operating environment; Crane operations; Towing; Anchor handling.*

1. INTRODUCTION

There is a well-known Chinese saying “Water can support the ship and it can also capsize it”. Every vessel is capable of capsizing; the only question is under which conditions. The International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee agreed in principle that “*ships are to be designed and constructed for a specific design life to be safe and environmentally friendly, when properly operated and maintained under specified operating and environmental conditions, in intact and specified damaged conditions throughout their life*” (IMO, 2009).

The IMO Criteria for stability has been developed for commercial vessels and has proven to be reasonably safe. How relevant is this criteria for other types of vessels such as offshore support vessels or workboats?

The number of Offshore Support Vessels (OSV) has increased over the years (see Fig 1). To date, approximately 30 per cent of world’s oil and gas production comes from offshore. As the search for oil moves to deeper waters the challenges increase and the operating sea conditions get harsher. As a result, offshore vessels have evolved to keep pace with the ever changing demands. Today offshore vessels support a variety of duties e.g. for search and rescue, diving support, well intervention, maintenance support, hotel service etc.; either as specialist vessels or as multi-purpose vessels. Further, offshore vessels are no more limited for oil and gas industry; we see increasing use in industries such as offshore wind farms and deep sea mining.

1.1 Offshore Support Vessels Operations

There are many differences between OSVs and commercial vessels, in terms of their operating profiles, operating environment vulnerability and the risks faced. The roles of

OSVs are more diverse as compared to commercial vessels, e.g. transportation of goods and personnel, towing; diving support, search and rescue, well intervention, oceanographic surveys and deep sea mining etc (see Table 1). Unlike commercial vessels which are primarily used to carry cargo or passengers from one port to another, OSVs are built as workboats and they carry out different operations, as and when required to support the offshore industry. The duties these vessels may be asked to perform are unpredictable.

	Offshore Vessels / Workboats	Commercial Vessels
Types of Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tugs -AHTS (Anchor Handling Towing Vessels) -PSV (Platform Supply Vessels) -DSV (Diving Support Vessels) -Survey -Well intervention -Fire fighting vessel -Deep sea mining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bulk carriers -Container ships -Tankers -Ocean liners -Cargo ships -Passenger Ships
Size	Length < 100m	Length > 100m
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Power horses -Very manoeuvrable -GM approx. 1m -Lower freeboards -Higher vulnerability to capsize -Unpredictable operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Optimised power for sailing -Do not require high manoeuvrability -GM > 2m -High freeboards -Predictable operations
Modes of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sailing -Standby -Harbour -DP (Dynamic Positioning) -Anchor handling -Towing -Crane operations -Deck Cargo -Fire fighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To carry cargo, or passengers from point A to point B -Sailing -Harbour

Operating Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wind – 35 knots -Currents – 1.5 knots -Waves – 6m -Not only when sailing, but also when stationary as in DP. -As activity moved further and further offshore, harsher operating sea conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commercial vessels can reduce speed or change course. -Operators will try to avoid seasons where the conditions of the sea are harsh; some operators may have a fixed operating months where they can predict the sea conditions
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Table 1: Main difference of OSVs and Commercial Vessels

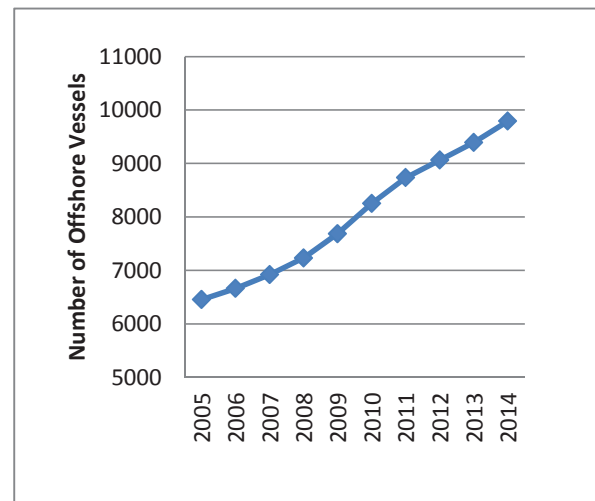


Fig 1: Number of offshore vessels by year (Clarkson Service Limited 2015)

1.2 Operating Environment

As operations move further offshore, the greater the environmental uncertainties, hence, the larger the number of safety factors that need to be applied to achieve a target level of structural adequacy and reliability. (Paik and Thayamballi 2007) The OSV is required to operate and work in this harsh environment. Anchor handling operations, Towing, Crane Operations etc. need to be carried out under these conditions. Most OSVs are required to remain in a particular position in Dynamic Positioning mode over a long period of time to



support the offshore operations. For example a Diving Support Vessel (DSV) which supports diving operations need to have its position unchanged as the lives of the divers are dependent on the vessel. Therefore, unlike commercial vessels which can choose to make a detour to avoid extreme weathers, OSVs need to withstand harsh weather conditions while remaining stationary at a particular position.

1.3 Stability for Operations

As the OSV is a different form of vessel, and the operating conditions are different, the relevance of the IMO stability criteria to such operations is studied and a possible modified criterion is proposed which may more realistically take into consideration the operations as well as the operating conditions under which OSVs need to operate.

Designers know how to make ships safer but safety always comes at a cost. In practice, therefore, there is a compromise between safety and the economies of operations, and the vessel is designed to regulatory minima, because that gives the most economical solution with acceptable safety. Traditionally, regulations and stability information booklets provide limited safety guidance to the master of the ship but they do give the operator the full confidence to go to sea in the false belief that the ship is safe. It may not be safe though, particularly if it is a small vessel in big seas, and would depend on how the vessel is operated in these conditions. For OSVs which may have unpredictable operating conditions, it becomes crucial to develop a limiting envelope together with practical methods of assessing the level of safety of a ship in the range of sea states in which a ship might remain safe from capsize. Regulators have the greatest responsibility but sometimes they may be intimidated by industrial, commercial and political pressures. We should use what we learn to improve safety for all, by developing

simple formulae which may offer operators means of safety assessment.

2. EVOLUTION OF IMO STABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The first IMCO (IMO) Resolutions concerning stability criteria were adopted in 1968 by Assembly resolutions A167(ES.IV) for passenger and cargo ships under 100 meters in length and in A.168(ES.IV) for fishing vessels, the Resolutions are based on the analysis of statistical data on casualties and on ships considered safe from the point of view of stability. (Kobylnski and Kastner 2003)

Recognising that the stability criteria may not be “rational” since resolution A.167 was applicable only to small ships (length of not more than 100 meters), the committee decided to develop a “weather criteria” requirement for the situation where the ship is exposed to beam wind when rolling on the wave hence aiming to improve safety against capsize. Weather criterion was then introduced and adopted by resolutions A.562(14) for passenger and cargo vessels and A.685(17) for fishing vessels and its application was not limited to ships under 100 meters in length.

In dead ship condition with severe wind and corresponding roll, the ship must comply with the “weather criterion”. The main scope of this criterion is to determine the ability of a ship to withstand severe wind and rolling from a beam sea by comparing heeling and righting moments.

However the criterion is for dead ship and still not related to the wind force that the ship may encounter, in service, while operating.

Intact Stability (IS) Code, a harmonisation of the existing stability requirements and weather criterion, was initially adopted in 1993 by resolution A.749(18). Current version of the IS Code 2008 was adopted about 15 years later by resolution MSC.267(85). IS Code preserved

basic stability criteria, statistical as well as weather criterion virtually unchanged. The basic statistical criteria and weather criteria were now made compulsory by way of reference in the SOLAS Convention to part A of the IS Code 2008.

Recognising the fact that the design and normal operation of offshore supply vessels are different compared to conventional cargo ships, IMO came up with “Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Offshore Supply Vessels”, A.469(XII) adopted on November 1981 and superseded by Res.MSC.235(82). For offshore vessels, the same criteria used for merchant vessels have been passed on. Classification society have prescribed criteria for certain operating modes of OSV such as: towing; fire fighting; anchor handling; and crane operations.

In February 2015, the sub-committee for Ship Design and Construction (SDC) agreed on draft amendments pertaining to vessels that engage in anchor handling operations (SDC-2 2015). These changes to part B of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code) are slated for submission to MSC 95 for approval. Vulnerability criteria and standards (level 1 and 2) related to ‘parametric roll, pure loss or stability and surf-riding / broaching; and to ice accretion in timber deck cargo’ were some of the other amendments the sub-committee has agreed in principle to draft.

A correspondence group has been set up to assist with these amendments concerning towing and lifting operations. They are expected to report their findings to the next session of SDC.

3. LIMITATIONS OF PRESENT STABILITY CRITERIA

Regardless of the particular situation being evaluated, however, the conventional approach to stability evaluation still remains valid. The

goal is to ensure that there is sufficient righting energy along with adequate freeboard to the downflooding points.

The criteria included currently in the IS Code is a design criteria, addressed mainly to ship designers. However, it is well known that about 80% of all casualties at sea are due to operational factors and the human factor. Resolution A.167(ES.IV) in the preamble acknowledges this, stressing the importance of good seamanship. It is to be noted that many stability casualties still happen every year, and most of these with small ships. Such accidents may not create strong reaction or public opinion as the casualties with large ships do.

Casualties for Merchant Vessels have been reducing significantly over the last 5 years. However, the casualties for OSVs do not show a similar decrease (see Fig 2).

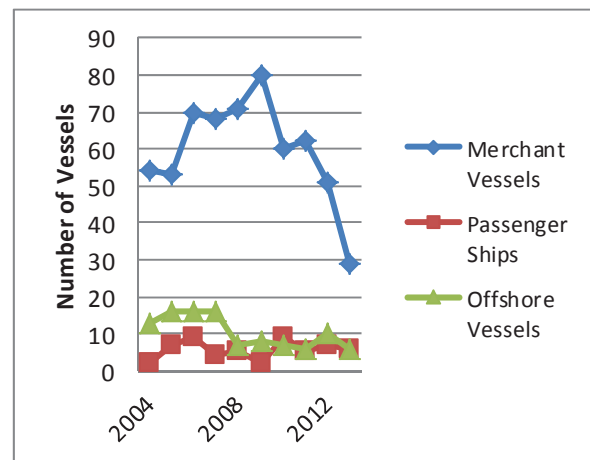


Fig 2: Losses & Casualties of Merchant Vessels, Passenger Ships & Offshore Vessels (Clarkson Services Limited 2015)

At its core, the afloat stability of the vessel is a function of:

- Adequate buoyancy and stability of the hull form;
- Preventing water from ingress into the buoyant body
- Limiting the movement of any water which does manage to enter the buoyant body



Based on the geometry and hull form, the vessels stability characteristics get fixed at the design stage, such as KM, KN etc. Each hull form being unique, the stability characteristics will be different, however for a given set of fixed dimensions, there is little room for designers to drastically improve these stability characteristics.

3.1 Watertight Integrity

The other major aspect of capsizing is the watertight integrity.

3.1.1 External Watertight Integrity

As noted earlier, one of the most important parts of ensuring adequate stability involves providing external watertight and weathertight integrity so that the hull boundary remains effective in providing buoyant force and righting energy. This is most often expressed as the location of the downflooding points into the hull. (Rousseau and Breuer, 2007)

3.1.2 Downflooding Point

“Downflooding point” is the point at which water could enter the hull envelope which was providing buoyancy and stability. From an external integrity standpoint, it is important to note that intact stability is an expression of an intermittent phenomenon, so that the vessel is presumed to incline under the effect of the environment and then return upright when that effect is removed. This has implications for the types of closures that can be considered to eliminate downflooding.

There are generally two types of downflooding points assumed in the calculation of stability: unprotected openings and weathertight openings. Openings which may be closed watertight may be ignored as downflooding points, but the types of these are limited.

3.1.3 Unprotected Openings

The most common unprotected opening is the ventilator, since provision of air to combustion machinery is necessary for operations. The possibility exists that in certain conditions, however, some of the unprotected openings may be closed such as during the preparation for severe storm or for the duration of the tow and when the hull is unmanned and not in an operational condition

Unprotected openings are important in both intact and damage stability, since water can enter the hull even during intermittent immersion of the opening.

3.1.4 Weathertight Openings

Providing weathertight closures on openings into the buoyant envelope removes them from consideration in intact stability because they are assumed to be effective in preventing the ingress of water during intermittent immersion.

There are two facts to remember regarding such closures, however: they must be manually or automatically engaged to be effective, and they will not prevent water ingress if they remain submerged, under water pressure.

In order that engagement is assured, a closure must either be automatically closing (like a ball or float check closure on a tank vent pipe) or must be specifically closed as part of a procedure such activating a screw-down ventilator closure during storm preparation.

Since they serve such a vital role in maintaining the external boundaries, it is important that closures are periodically inspected and are maintained in proper working condition.



When it is possible for an opening to be submerged for long periods, as in the case of openings below the final damage waterline, it is necessary to provide positive closure and maximum degree of confidence of the effectiveness of the closing means in preventing entry of water when subject to the same pressure head of water as the surrounding structure. In general, this involves bolted manholes or positive closing valves which are as effective as the surrounding boundary. These openings are therefore excluded from the list of downflooding points in all analyses of stability.

Penetrations in the shell for wire rope have been accepted based on a dual “pinch valve” assembly, which fails in the closed position and can be tested with applied pressure. In addition to such testing during construction of the unit, proper inspection and maintenance is also critical to ensure that the valve materials are not worn and rendered ineffective.

Ventilation closures are specifically excluded from consideration as watertight, due to the typically large size of ventilation openings and the concern over the provision of a truly watertight seal to the appropriate pressure head.

No less important than the ability to keep water outside of the buoyant envelope is the ability to limit the extent to which it can progress in the event that damage has occurred. The subdivision of a floating vessel is the means by which the final inclination or parallel sinkage is limited, which in turn helps keep the downflooding openings above the waterline, after damage.

3.1.5 Automatic Closing Openings

All tank vents and overflows are required to have automatic closures, not just the ones which might be subject to intermittent immersion.

3.2 Dynamic Positioning (DP) Mode

The present stability criteria have not dealt with such conditions of operations which take place with simultaneous wind, waves and currents. The “weather criteria” considers a dead ship or a stationary ship. However, all offshore vessels operations are carried out often under harsh sea conditions. In the DP mode, the reaction or forces from the thrusters to counter the environmental forces/moments resulting in heeling moments needed to be added in the “weather criteria”, along with crane operations. In actual operations, “worst” downflooding point may need to be considered.

4. LIMITING ENVELOPE

For safe operations, a limiting envelope could be provided for the operator’s guidance.

4.1 Limiting KG

The limiting KG is the maximum KG complying with prescribed and applicable set of criteria at a given draft.

4.2 Limiting Heel

This is another useful guidance for operators. The heel cycle needs to be less than the angle of which water may flood the vessel through opening left without weathertight closures.

4.3 Limiting Sea Conditions during Different Modes of Operations

Perhaps, this is the most critical guidance for the operator - limiting sea conditions i.e. the wind, wave, and current limitations.

5. CASE STUDIES

Stability investigations were carried out on existing designs of offshore vessels, in order to have a better perception of the limitations of the present stability criteria as applied to offshore vessels and then identify areas where the criteria may be modified to take better account of the actual operations.

The types of vessels investigated were as follows (see Tables 2-5):

1. Anchor Handling Tugs / Supply Vessels (AHTS) – 3 Nos.
2. Tugs – 3 Nos.
3. Platform Supply Vessels (PSV) – 3 Nos.
4. Diving Support Vessels (DSV) – 3 Nos.

Table 2: Dimensions of three unique AHTS

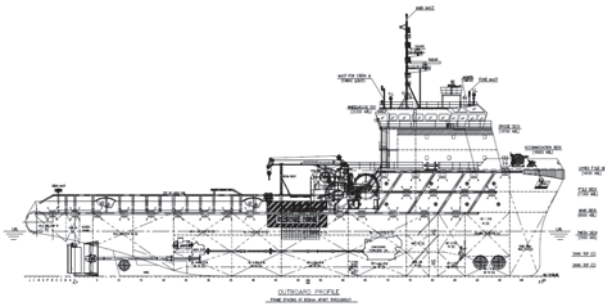
AHTS			
			
	AHTS1	AHTS2	AHTS3
Length B.P.	44.4m	63.1m	62.5m
Beam (Mld)	12.6m	14.8m	17.0m
Depth (Mld)	5.5m	6.5m	8.5m
Design Draft	4.5m	4.8m	6m
Bollard Pull	50MT	80MT	130MT

Table 3: Dimensions of three unique Tugs

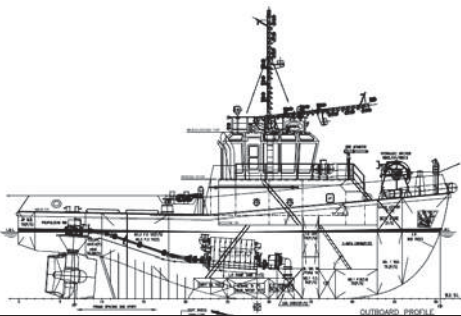
TUG			
			
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Length B.P.	25.5m	25.2m	27.0m
Beam (Mld)	10.5m	9.5m	12.0m
Depth (Mld)	4.5m	5.0m	5.3m
Design Draft	3.0m	4.0m	4.5m
Bollard Pull	35MT	40MT	50MT

Table 4: Dimensions of three unique PSV

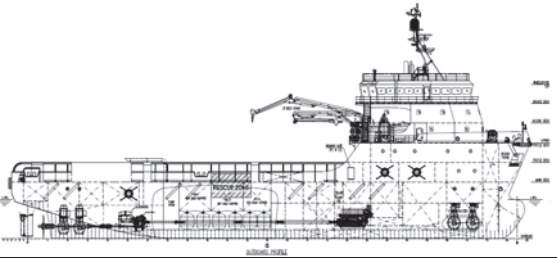
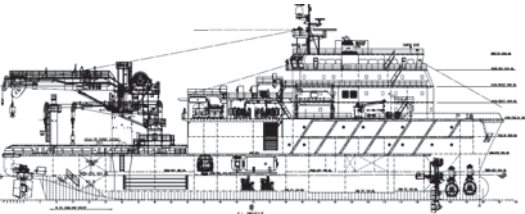
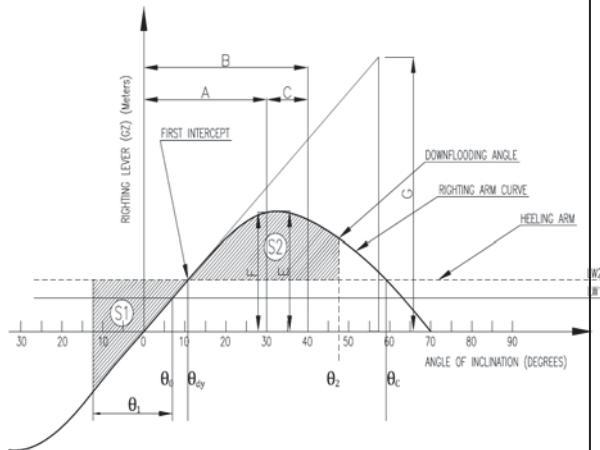
PSV			
			
	PSV1	PSV2	PSV3
Length B.P.	73.6m	48.2m	57.4m
Beam (Mld)	17.0m	12.6m	18.0m
Depth (Mld)	8.0m	5.0m	5.0m
Design Draft	6.3m	3.5m	2.5m

Table 5: Dimensions of three unique DSV

DSV			
			
	DSV1	DSV2	DSV3
Length B.P.	55.0m	55.2m	83.4m
Beam (Mld)	13.3m	13.8m	18.2m
Depth (Mld)	5.0m	5.0m	7.8m
Design Draft	4m	3.6m	4.2m



Intact Stability Criteria

- 'A' – Area under the GZ curve up to $30^\circ \geq 0.055$ m-rad
- 'B' – Area under the GZ curve up to $\theta_2 \geq 0.090$ m-rad
- 'C' – Area under the GZ curve between 30° and $\theta_2 \geq 0.030$ m-rad
- 'E' – Max GZ to occur at an angle $\geq 25^\circ$
- 'F' – Max GZ ≥ 0.20 m (at angle of heel, $\theta \geq 30^\circ$)
- 'G' – Initial GM ≥ 0.15 m

Weather Criteria

- (i) $\theta_0 \leq 0.80 \times \theta_{de}$ or 16° whichever is less.
- (ii) $S_2 \geq S_1$

ABS Towing Criteria & Fire Fighting Criteria

- $S_2 > 0.09$ m-rad

Fig 3: Intact Stability, Weather, Towing and Fire Fighting Criterion

5.1 Dominant Criteria

Limiting KG values were calculated under different draft conditions for all the criteria as defined in Figs 3-4.

1. Intact stability criteria (Fig 3)
2. Weather criteria (Fig 3)
3. Towing & Fire fighting criteria (Fig 3)
4. Crane criteria (Fig 4)

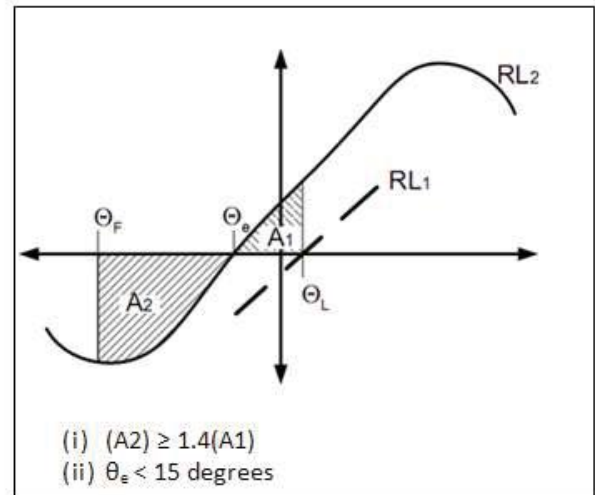


Fig 4: Stability with loss of Crane load

Investigations revealed a certain pattern in the criteria which was most dominating at different draft loading conditions (see Table 6).

Table 6: Dominant criteria under four different loading conditions

	Dominant Criteria			
	AHTS	TUG	PSV	DSV
Light Draft	Weather	Towing	Weather	Weather
Light Draft - Mid Operating Draft	Towing	Towing	Weather	Crane
Mid operating draft - Normal operating draft	Towing	Towing	Max 92° angle	Crane
Normal operating - Max draft	Max 92° angle	Max 92° angle	Max 92° angle	Max 92° angle



5.2 Operational Stability

Offshore vessels provide support for the offshore industry and perform these operations under harsh sea conditions.

A series of operations to deploy and retrieve anchors for oil rigs or floating platform is called anchor handling. The AHTS should be equipped with high bollard pull, stern roller and high handling capacity winches on board.

Two accidents have already been reported in the history of this industry, and these operations are indeed considered hazardous.

The reduction of dynamic transverse stability of anchor handling vessels due to the additional overturning moment induced by the lifting anchor load is to be considered (Gunn and Moon, 2012). Along with this the wind and wave forces can lead the vessel into capsize situation.

The present criteria provides for downflooding from unprotected openings which are normally the Engine Room Ventilator openings/louvers as it is assumed all other openings can be closed weathertight and will so be closed. However in offshore vessels

and tugs, this is not the case. There may be other openings such as steering gear compartments ventilators or sometimes even doors to accommodation spaces may not be closed tight. We would rightly term this as bad seamanship or mishandling, but this makes the ship more vulnerable to capsizing. A case is made for considering such downflooding points which are not considered in the present criteria and these are termed as “worst” downflooding points.

Limiting KG curves were plotted (Fig 6 to 9) during operations for each type of vessel and for the following cases:

1. Without wind
2. With wind
3. With wind and “worst” downflooding (DF) point (see Fig 5)
4. With wind, “worst” downflooding (DF) point and aft trim 1% L

In cases of the DSV Crane Operations, the classification society Det Norske Veritas (DNV) requirement already considers the effect of wind during crane operations. However as the DSV operations are in DP mode, the additional heeling moment of the thrusters must be considered. This also has a significant impact on reducing the limiting KG (see Fig 9)

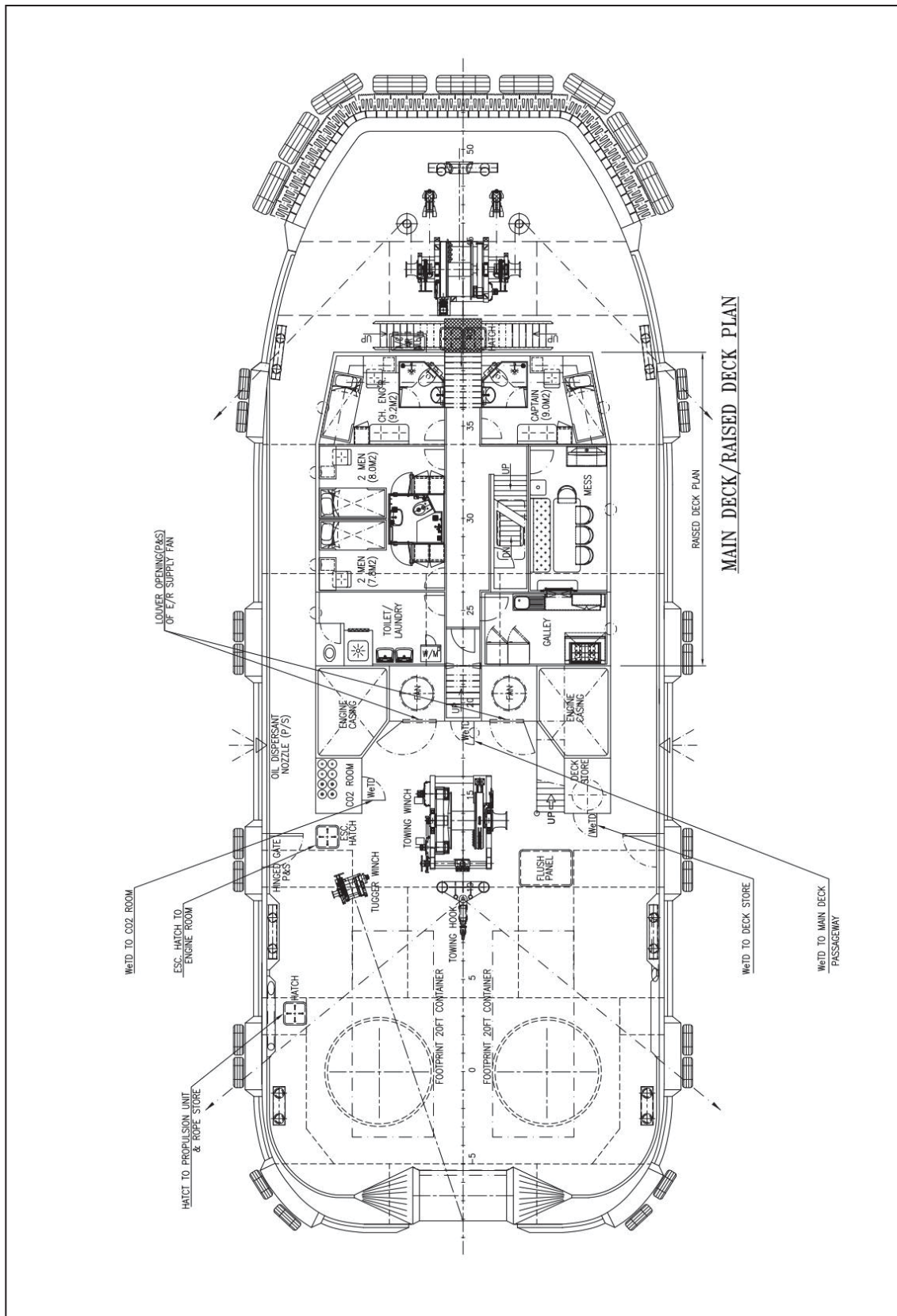


Fig 5: Downflooding Points

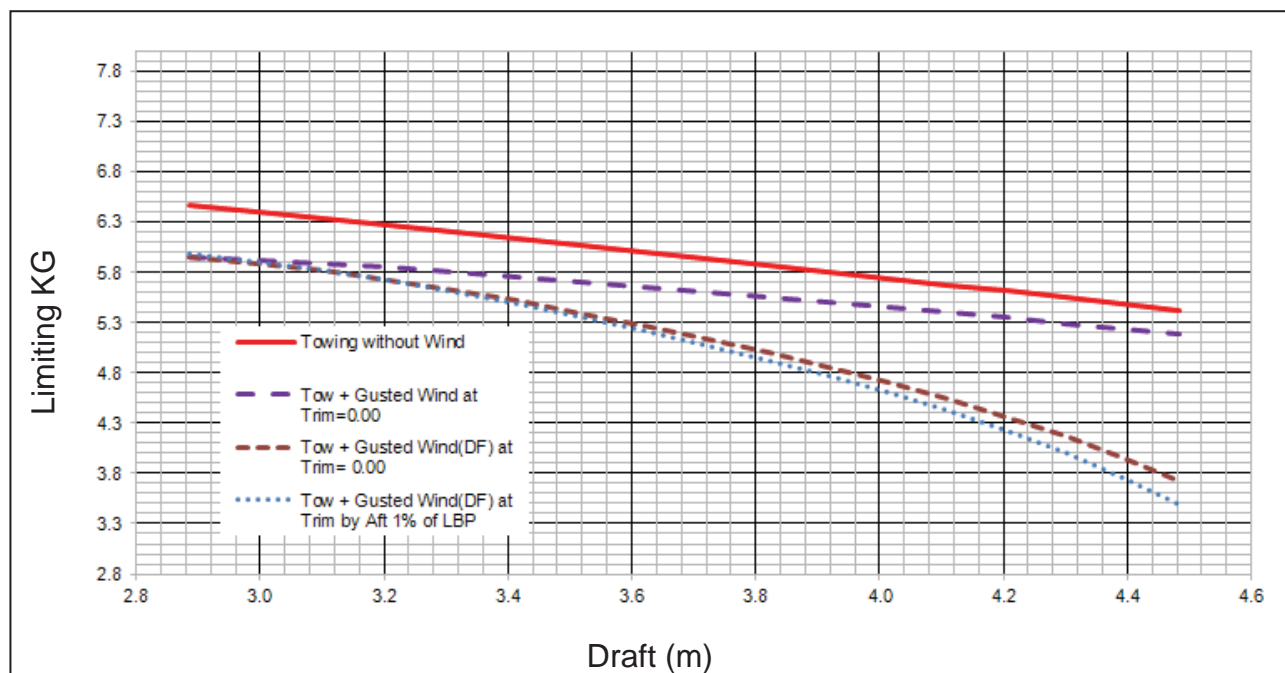


Fig 6: AHTS – Limiting KG

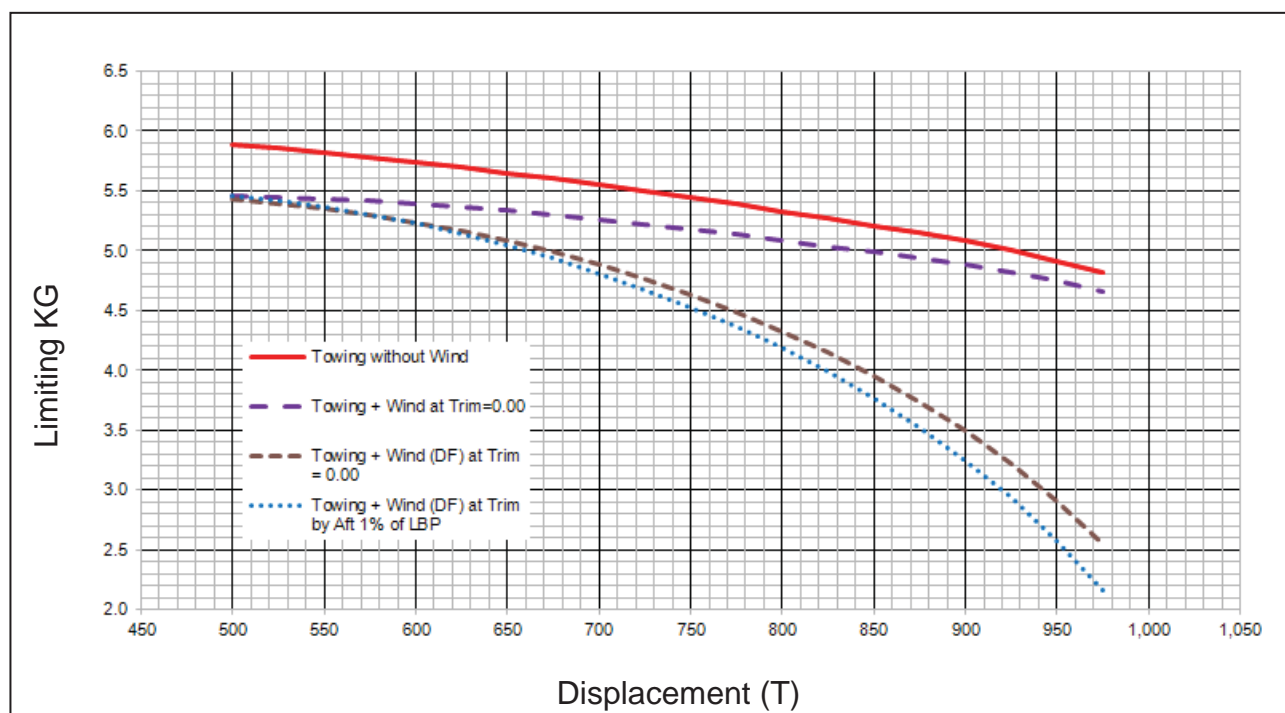


Fig 7: Tug – Limiting KG

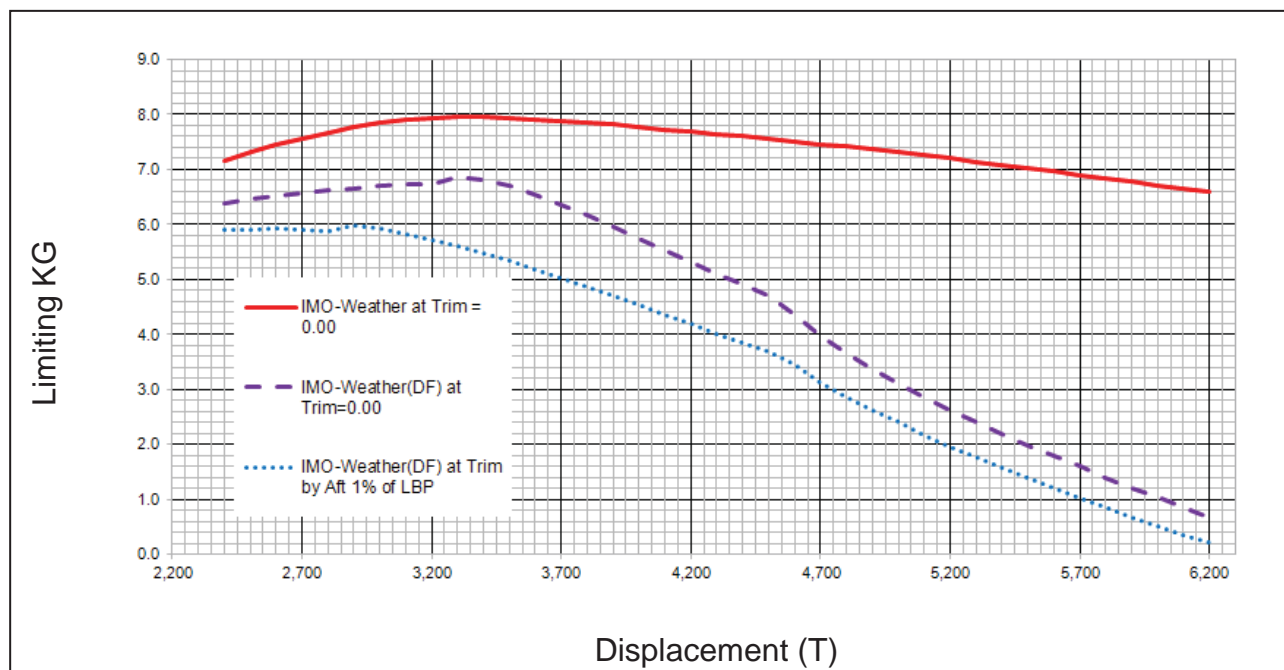


Fig 8: PSV – Limiting KG

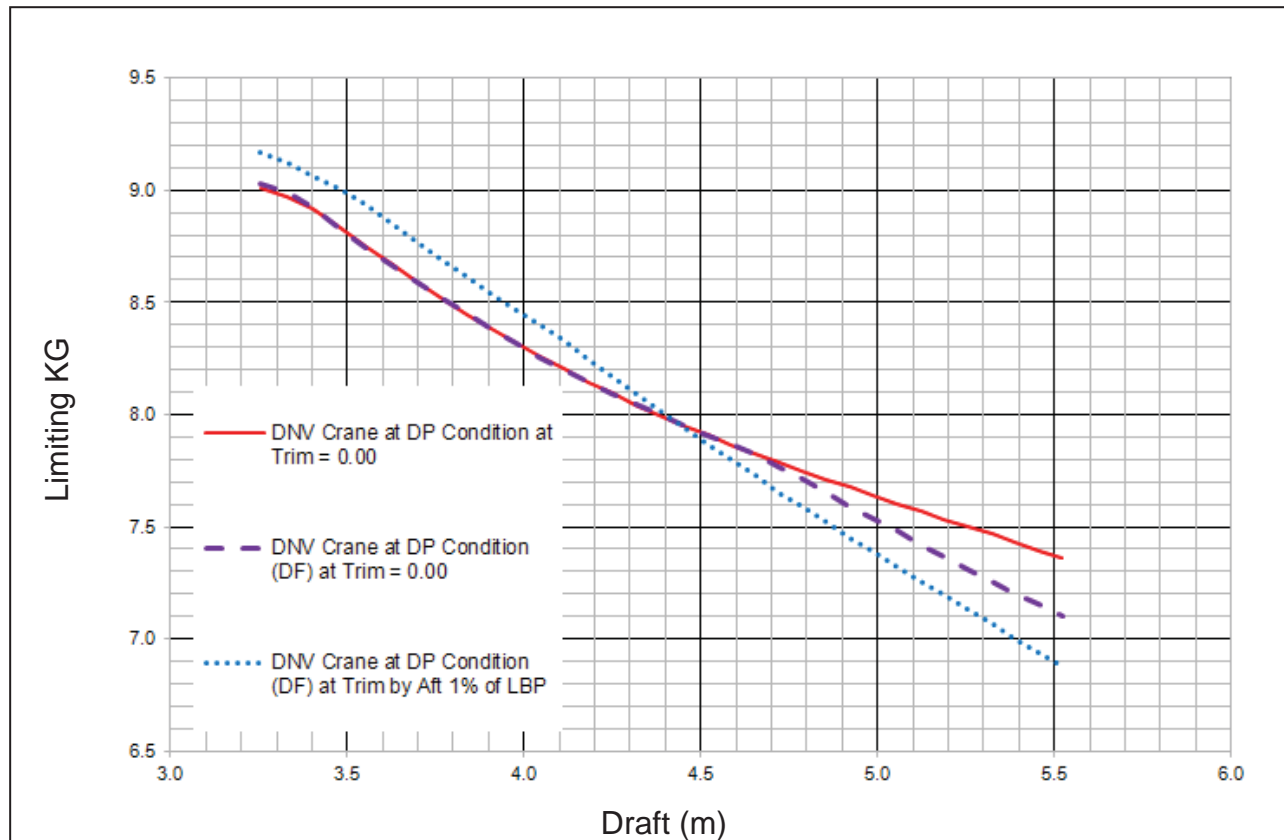


Fig 9: DSV – Limiting KG



There is a significant impact of downflooding point and aft trim on the reduction in the limiting KG. (Shown in Table 7)

Table 7: Percentage Reduction in Limiting KG

Type of Vessel	Lower Downflooding Point	With Aft Trim
AHTS	28%	4%
TUG	44%	7%
PSV	89%	7%
DSV	7%	3%

6. CONCLUSION

From the results of the case studies, there appears a strong case for modifying the existing criteria to include the following:

- Wind, wave and current forces superimposed on the existing criteria for towing, anchor handling, fire fighting operations etc.
- More fail safe means to ensure external watertight integrity
- Effect of worst downflooding point to be considered coupled with the effect of aft trim
- Effect of thruster forces to be considered as additional heeling moments during DP mode.

Presently, stability is a shared responsibility (see Table 8).

Table 8: Roles and Responsibilities (Rohr, 2003)

	Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
Design for Stability	Principal Naval Architect	Design Firm	Regulatory / Vessel Operations	Owner
Produce for Stability	Building Yard	Owner's Agent	Regulatory / Vessel Operations Master	Vessel Operations / Owner
Operate for Stability	Load Planner / Crew	Ship Master	Vessel Operations	Vessel Operations / Owner

A gradual shift of mindset is required from this shared responsibility for stability. Stability is the **sole** responsibility of the operator. It is

the responsibility of the designer, regulatory bodies and other stakeholders to provide accurate and limiting envelope for operations and provide simple user friendly guidance to the operator.

Additionally, the operators deserve quality and intense training not only in “basic stability” but in “operations stability”.

For operators guidance in decision making, easy to use stability advisory tools (software) should be made available with built-in limits from the limiting envelope.

Further detailed research would be required to analyse further existing designs with inputs from operators on their operational requirements and finally provide a basis to develop a modified stability criteria for offshore vessels.

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On Aerodynamic Roll Damping

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ABSTRACT

In this paper an approach for estimating aerodynamic roll damping is formulated. The approach utilizes wind tunnel tests and the concept of effective levers to relate roll induced apparent wind to a damping moment. Evaluation of the approach on a typical PCTC demonstrates that the aerodynamic damping in certain conditions can be of similar magnitude as the hydrodynamic damping when the weather is rough. The importance of considering this component in the formulation of operational guidance with respect to parametric roll is highlighted using analysis of a real incident and simplistic simulations.

Keywords: Roll damping, Parametric roll, Roll decay, Wind damping, Aerodynamic damping, Wind tunnel tests

1. INTRODUCTION

In November 25 2011, a Panamax Pure Car and Truck Carrier (PCTC), was passing south of a heavy low pressure in the North Atlantic outside of Newfoundland. Wind speeds over 22 m/s were measured onboard and a combined significant wave height of about 5 meter was registered. The vessel was traveling in bow waves and the speed was reduced to about 10 knots to avoid bow slamming. A recorded roll motion sequence from this day is given in Figure 1. The wind came initially in from the same direction as the waves and gave the vessel a static wind list of some 3 degrees to starboard. The roll motion was limited. As the vessel was passing the low pressure the wind rapidly shifted in direction and dropped in speed. As a consequence, the wind list diminished and shortly afterwards the vessel started to roll heavily. During this sequence the course was kept un-changed while the apparent wind direction went from at the bow to straight heading. Minutes later the Master decided to alter the course to port to regain the bow wind

effect. After the rolling diminished the vessel was listing to port due to the new apparent wind direction.

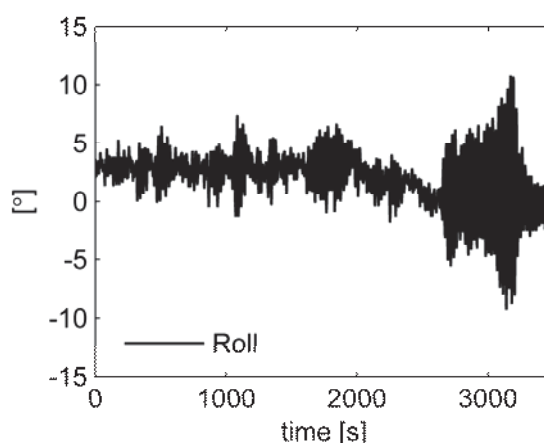


Figure 1: Heavy rolling event in the North Atlantic with a Pure Car and Truck Carrier. Initially small roll angles were experienced onboard but as the wind shifted the wind list diminishes and large roll angles were developed.

When the rolling occurred the vessel was pitching heavily with a period of half the roll

period, which indicates that this was a typical case of parametric roll. In case of parametric resonance the roll damping is decisive for the roll amplitude. As long as the damping is sufficiently high the parametric excitation will not result in any amplified roll motions, while if the damping is too low large roll angles can develop rapidly.

Captains of PCTC's generally prefer bow wind in rough weather as the wind is claimed to have a "stabilizing effect" on the roll motions. The here described event gives credibility to this claim and indicates that the changing aerodynamic damping during the turn of first the wind then the ship, had a significant influence on the development of parametric roll.

Today, roll decay model tests are considered the most accurate way to estimate the roll damping for a certain ship (IMO 2006). Due to associated costs, model tests are however normally limited to a few, often hypothetical design load cases. Alternatively, semi-empirical methods such Ikeda (1978) may be used to estimate the damping. In common for both these approaches is that they only consider the hydrodynamic damping. In Söder et al. (2012) it was discussed whether the wind could make any significant contribution to the total damping. Otherwise, very limited work has been done on aerodynamic roll damping.

In this paper an approach for estimating the aerodynamic roll damping is formulated. The approach is applied on m/v Fidelio, a PCTC similar to the one in the event 2011. The significance of aerodynamic damping is assessed relative to the hydrodynamic damping and the importance of considering this component in operational guidance is discussed.

2. AERODYNAMIC DAMPING

An approach for estimating the aerodynamic roll damping is here developed based on similar principles as used to estimate the hydrodynamic lift induced damping in Ikeda (1978).

As illustrated in figure 2 the air flow past the vessel, the apparent wind, V_a and ψ , is determined by the ship speed V_s , the true wind speed V_t and the true wind direction γ . Aerodynamic drag D_A is generated in the flow direction and if ψ differs from zero, an aerodynamic lift force L_A is induced perpendicular to the flow. The sum of the projected transversal components of D_A and L_A decides the transversal force Y . The centre of effort of this force is typically some distance z_Y above the centre of gravity. A heeling moment is hereby generated that is fairly constant if the ship and wind speeds are steady.

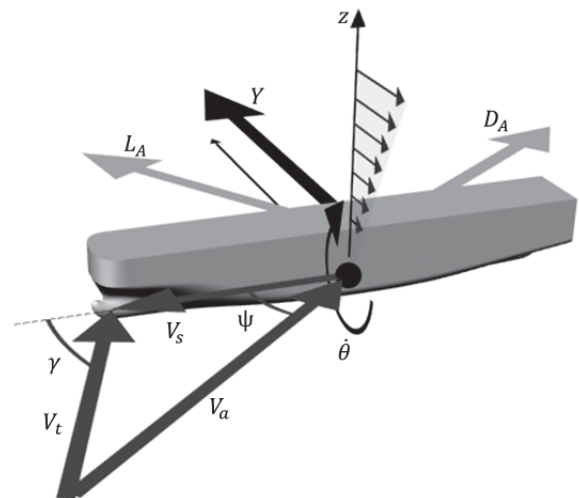


Figure 2: Illustration of velocity and force components that are decisive for the generation of aerodynamic roll damping.

If the vessel is rolling the roll velocity $\dot{\theta}$ induces a transversal velocity field, linearly increasing from the centre of roll, that also contributes to the apparent wind. This results in variations in heeling moment over the roll cycle which can be interpreted as aerodynamic roll damping,

$$B_A \dot{\theta} = (Y_{\dot{\theta}}(V_{a\dot{\theta}}, \psi_{\dot{\theta}}) - Y(V_a, \psi)) z_Y. \quad (1)$$

where $Y_{\dot{\theta}}$ is the transversal force including the apparent wind effect from the roll induced velocity field

$$V_{a\dot{\theta}} = \sqrt{(V_S + V_t \cos \gamma)^2 + (V_t \sin \gamma + \dot{\theta} z_v)^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\psi_{\dot{\theta}} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{V_t \sin \gamma + \dot{\theta} z_v}{V_S + V_t \cos \gamma} \right) \quad (3)$$

The lever z_Y is here estimated as half the distance from the centre of roll to the bridge deck while z_v is estimated as $z_v = 4/3 z_Y$ based on the concept of effective levers similarly as in Ikeda (1978). These estimations are obviously rough and should be assessed in future work.

3. EVALUATION

The methodology is evaluated on m/v Fidelio which is a modern Panamax PCTC, built in 2011 with cargo capacity of 8000 cars. A picture of the vessel is seen in figure 3 with main particulars according to table 1.



Figure 3: M/v Fidelio, a Pure Car and Truck Carrier

Table 1: Main particulars of m/v Fidelio in the design load condition

Length	[m]	220
Beam	[m]	32.3
Draft	[m]	9.5
GM	[m]	1.1
Displacement	[m ³]	41000
Air draft	[m]	40

The hydrodynamic roll damping was estimated using towing tank model tests in Söder et al. (2012). The tests were performed at SSPA in Sweden with a 1:30 scaled model and the results are shown in figure 4 for non-dimensional linear equivalent damping at 5° roll angle.

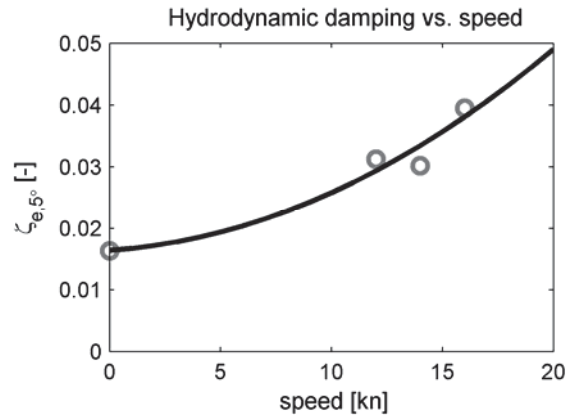


Figure 4: Non-dimensional linear equivalent hydrodynamic roll damping at 5° roll angle vs. speed.

The aerodynamic forces are determined using static wind tunnel tests with a 1:100 scaled model pictured in figure 5.

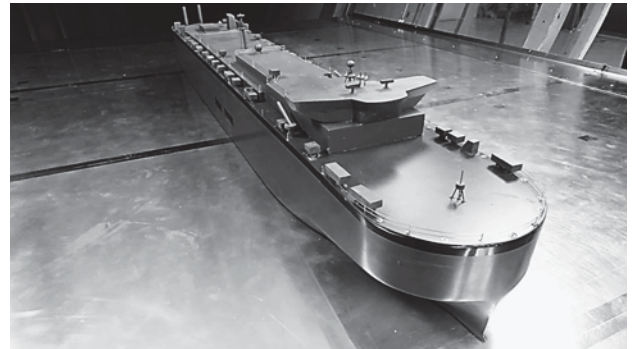


Figure 5: Wind tunnel model of PCTC Fidelio

The tests were performed at STARCS in Sweden. A closed circuit low speed tunnel was used with a test section measuring Ø 3.6m x 7 m. The measured transversal lift coefficient C_Y as function of ψ is given in figure 6, relating to the transversal force Y as

$$C_Y(\psi) = \frac{Y}{\frac{1}{2} \rho A V_a^2 A_S} \quad (4)$$

where ρ is the air density and A_S is the reference area which here is set to the projected side area of the vessel. The tests were performed in Reynolds numbers in the order of $5 \cdot 10^6$. A sensitivity study showed a slight increase of lift with Reynolds number which indicates that the force coefficients in full scale, with a Reynolds number up to 100 times higher could be somewhat higher.

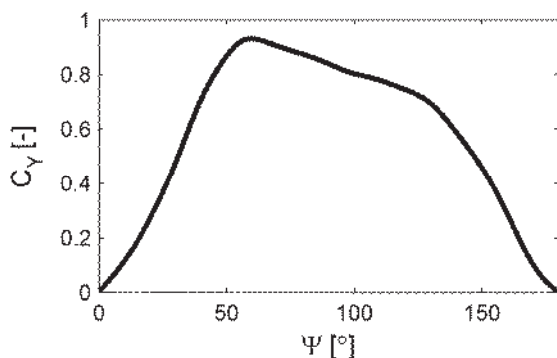


Figure 6: Non-dimensional transversal force coefficient as function of apparent wind angle for PCTC Fidelio.

Figure 7 shows the resulting aerodynamic roll damping for the design load condition at vessel speeds from 0-20kn, true wind directions 0-360° and a true wind speed of 20m/s.

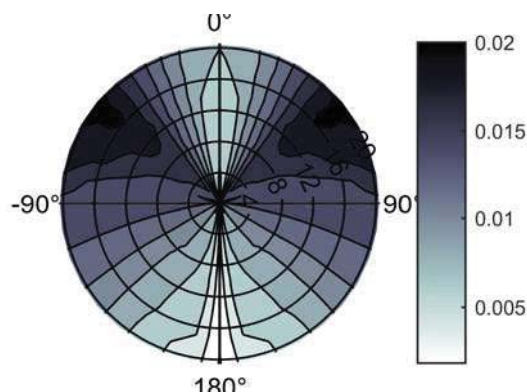


Figure 7: Predicted aerodynamic roll damping at 20m/s true wind speed as function of true wind direction and speed of the vessel.

The aerodynamic damping is practically linear with the roll velocity. At zero ship speed the damping reaches its maximum in bow wind, at a true wind direction of around 35°. At 20kn ship speed the maximum damping is found around 50° true wind direction. That is because the apparent wind direction is decisive and for the given condition a true wind direction of 50° corresponds to an apparent wind direction close to 35°.

The damping increases fairly linearly with the apparent wind speed as a consequence of that the wind pressure increase with the square of the apparent wind speed while the angle of attack ψ_θ decreases with the apparent wind speed (equation 3). As a consequence, when the true wind is strong the ship speed dependence is modest.

In figure 8 the ratio between aerodynamic and hydrodynamic damping is shown for different ship speeds and headings for the design load case and a true wind speed of 20m/s.

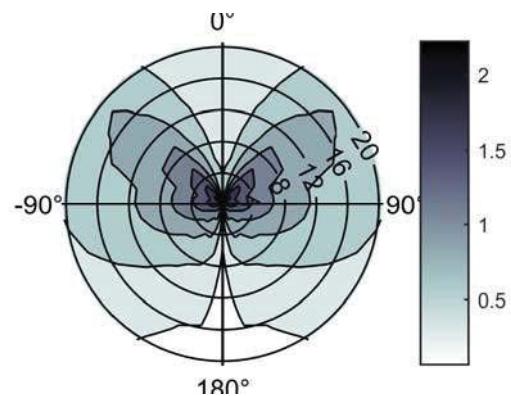


Figure 8: The ratio between aerodynamic damping and hydrodynamic damping for different ship speeds and headings at a true wind speed of 20m/s.

Notably, at bow winds and reduced ship speed the aerodynamic damping is of similar magnitude as the hydrodynamic damping. This implies that the typical roll amplitudes in those conditions will be reduced by half, which

supports the Captains preference for bow wind in rough weather to gain a “stabilizing effect”.

In figure 9 time series of roll, speed, heading, true wind angle (TWA) and true wind speed (TWS) from the event in 2011 are plotted. The lowest diagram is the aerodynamic damping estimated based on the presented approach. As seen the decreased wind speed and shift in direction causes a sudden drop in aerodynamic damping and after that the vessel starts to roll heavily. There appears to be a strong correlation between the reduction of roll damping and initiation of large roll motions.

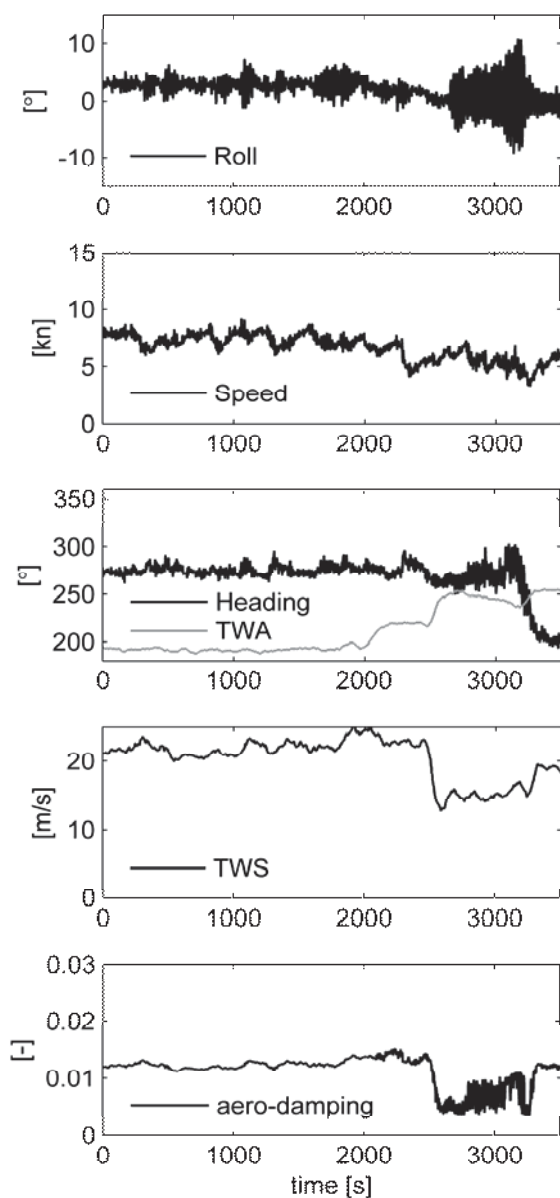


Figure 9: Time series of Fidelio’s roll motions, speed, heading, true wind angle (TWA), true wind speed (TWS) and estimated aerodynamic damping from the event in 2011.

4. OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

The effect of considering or not considering the aerodynamic roll damping in the formulation of operational guidance with respect to parametric rolling, will here be studied in a simplistic manner using the Parametric Roll Failure Index (PRFI) introduced in Ovegård et al (2012). According to Dunwoody (1989a) the GM-variation in waves produces an effect analogous to a roll damping reduction. Based on this the PRFI was in Ovegård et al (2012) formulated as

$$PRFI = E[\zeta^*]/\zeta \quad (6)$$

where ζ is the linear roll damping expressed as a fraction of the critical damping, while $E[\zeta^*]$ is the expected value of the GM-variation related roll damping reduction. $E[\zeta^*]$ is calculated according to Dunwoody (1989b) based on the GM-variation spectrum, which in turn is calculated from the wave spectrum and the GM-variation transfer function. Theoretically parametric roll will occur in conditions where there is a 2:1 relation between the GM-variation and roll natural frequencies and where the GM-variation related roll damping reduction is larger than the actual roll damping, i.e. where $PRFI > 1$. In Ovegård et al (2012) it was however concluded that $PRFI = 4$ is a more appropriate limit to be used in operational guidance.

Two cases are here studied. The first is a hypothetical case with Fidelio in design load condition, with a ship speed of between 0 and 12 knots, a true wind speed of 20 m/s, and a sea state with a significant wave height of 5m and a mean period of 8s represented by a Jonswap wave spectrum with the shape factor set to 3.3. The two diagrams in Figure 10 could be advisory plots presented to the ship crew in

these conditions, with wind and waves coming from 0°. The grey zones indicate ship speeds and headings where $PRFI \geq 4$, which hence should be considered unsafe with respect to parametric rolling. In the upper diagram the aerodynamic roll damping is included while only the hydrodynamic damping is taken into account in the lower diagram. As seen the aerodynamic damping has a large influence in these conditions and the crew is advised very differently depending on if the aerodynamic effects are considered or not.

The second case represents the incident in 2011 described in the introduction. The ship speed is here between 6 and 10 knots and the true wind speed is 19 m/s. The sea state is based on analysis of weather data from the ECMWF Wave Atmospheric Model with a significant wind wave height of 5.14 m, a mean wind wave period of 9.81s, a significant swell height of 3.76 m and a mean swell period of 12.0 s. The wind waves are modeled as a Jonswap spectrum and the swell as an Ochi3 spectrum, both with shape parameters of 3.3 (Michel 1999). Figure 11 shows the corresponding advisory plots, with and without aerodynamic roll damping. As seen the difference between the unsafe zones is not as large as in the previous hypothetical case. Nevertheless, the circle that marks the approximate speed and heading during the incident is just at the boundary of the unsafe zone in the case with aerodynamic damping representing the conditions before the wind shift, while it is well inside the unsafe zone in the case without aerodynamic damping representing the conditions after the wind shift when the vessel started rolling.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Captains of PCTC's generally prefer bow wind in rough weather as the wind is claimed to have a "stabilizing effect" on the roll motions. This paper presents a simple approach for estimating the aerodynamic damping of volume carriers. The approach utilizes the

concept of effective levers to relate roll induced transversal velocity to relative wind variations which causes angle of attack and wind pressure variations that generates a damping moment.

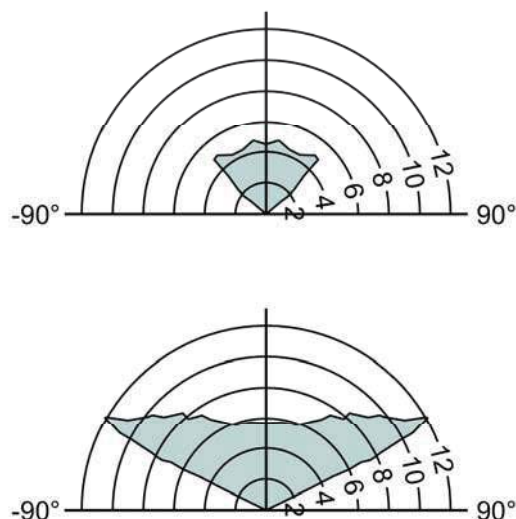


Figure 10: Advisory plots regarding parametric rolling with $PRFI \geq 4$ in the grey zones for Fidelio in design load condition, ship speed between 0 and 12 knots, true wind 20m/s, significant wave height 5m, mean period of 8s, wind and waves coming from 0°, with (top) and without (bottom) aerodynamic roll damping.

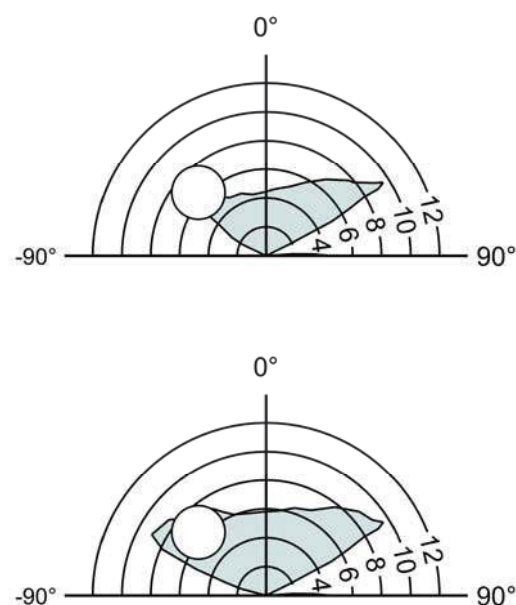




Figure 11: Advisory plots regarding parametric rolling with $PRFI \geq 4$ in the grey zones in conditions corresponding to the incident in 2011, with (top) and without (bottom) aerodynamic roll damping representing before and after the wind shift. Head wind is set to 0° .

Evaluation of the approach on a typical PCTC demonstrates that the damping can be considerable in rough weather. For the considered vessel the largest damping is generated at apparent wind angles at the bow. For that heading combined with reduced speed the magnitude of the aerodynamic damping is actually in parity with the hydrodynamic damping. This means that ordinary roll motions will be reduced by half which well supports the captains' preferences for bow wind angles in rough weather.

Critical roll events of PCTC's are normally related to parametric excitation and in case of parametric resonance the roll damping is the limiting factor. For operational guidance systems providing in-situ ship-specific decision support a proper consideration of aerodynamic damping will increase the operability of the vessels. When creating, or validating, a decision support system for roll motions the wind damping is an important component to avoid unnecessary warnings to the crew and unnecessary cost for the owner or operator.

Future work should aim at assessing the effective levers that are used to couple roll velocity to an equivalent (mean) transversal velocity and a subsequent angle of attack and induced lift of the superstructure. These levers have a large influence on the results and were estimated using rough assumptions for this work.

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SPH Simulation of Ship Behaviour in Severe Water-Shipping Situations

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ABSTRACT

Fishing vessels, having relatively small freeboard, are prone to suffer water-shipping in severe sea state. The water impact and the accumulated water effect could make fishing vessels be unstable and capsize in the worst situation. Therefore to secure the safety of fishing vessel under water-shipping condition is important, but it is not easy to numerically predict the water behaviour/influence associated with the violent water-shipping where the water impact, the large free-surface deformation, and the strong coupling with the ship motion appear compositely. In this paper, SPH simulation using GPU is performed to predict the 6DoF ship motion in water-shipping situations. Then the prediction accuracy of the SPH method is investigated through comparisons with dedicated captive and free-motion tests.

Keywords: *Water-shipping, SPH, 6DoF motion, Experiment, GPU*

1. INTRODUCTION

Since most of Japanese fishing vessels have relatively small freeboard to increase the efficiency of fishery operation/fishery regulation using gross tonnage, they occasionally suffer water-shipping in severe sea state. The shipped water is easily accumulated on deck because of the existence of large bulwark, so the water-shipping event has potential danger resulting in large heeling/capsizing in the worst situation. Since there have been many accident reports in which fishing vessels capsized due to most likely the water-shipping, there is a strong demand to develop a numerical simulation method for ship dynamic behaviours when suffering serious water-shipping. However, water-shipping problems contain several difficulties; how to deal highly nonlinear free-surface flows

and their impacts and to estimate the coupling effect with ship motions. Therefore, advanced numerical approaches are required for the quantitative assessment of ship stability/safety against the severe water-shipping. Analytical approaches are very limited for this event because the nonlinear free-surface flows are to be dealt, and CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) has good ability to overcome the difficulties. Among CFDs, mesh-based CFD is well developed and evaluated so far but still have difficulties/complexity to precisely capture the largely-deformed free surface flows with the fragmentation and the reconnection, and particle methods have an advantage in terms of the capturing of non-diffusive nonlinear free-surface flows.

In this paper, the SPH (Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics) method, which is a truly mesh-free CFD and is fully Lagrangian method, is applied to a water-shipping problem. In order

to investigate the applicability of the SPH method, a captive model test in steep waves is firstly conducted to observe the water on deck situation and to measure the hydrodynamic force acting on the ship model in water-shipping condition. Then the SPH result is compared with the experiment to confirm the prediction accuracy. Secondly ship motion measurement in steep wave trains is executed for the same ship model. Then a SPH simulation of 6DoF (Degrees of Freedom) motions, including the water-shipping event in regular steep waves, is executed and compared with the measurement. Through the comparisons with the captive and free-motion tests, it is demonstrated that the SPH method provides a promising result for realizing the quantitative safety assessment of fishing vessels in severe water-shipping condition.

2. NUMERICAL METHOD

SPH

The SPH method derives from astrophysical field and was developed by Monaghan (1994) for free-surface flows of weak-compressible fluid. The SPH governing equations dealing with compressible fluids are shown in Eqs.1-2. The momentum conservation equation can be written in SPH notation as Eq.3 and the viscous term Π_{ij} is calculated using the artificial viscosity proposed by Monaghan (1992) given as Eqs.4-5. The pressure of weakly compressible fluid is determined by solving an equation of state expressed as Eq.6 (Monaghan and Kos, 1999). The quintic form kernel (Wendland, 1995), Eq.7, is used as the SPH interpolator. Time forwarding is explicit for all equations, so the SPH method is suitable for parallel computing using GPU (Graphics Processing Unit). Further explanation and references can be found in literatures, e.g. SPHysics user guid by Gesteira et al. (2010).

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \mathbf{g} + \boldsymbol{\Theta} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = -\sum_j m_j \left(\frac{P_j^2}{\rho_j^2} + \frac{P_i^2}{\rho_i^2} + \Pi_{ij} \right) \nabla_i W_{ij} + \mathbf{g} \quad (3)$$

$$\Pi_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{-\alpha c \mu_{ij}}{\rho} & u_{ij} r_{ij} < 0 \\ 0 & u_{ij} r_{ij} > 0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{h u_{ij} r_{ij}}{r_{ij}^2 + (0.01h^2)^2} \quad (5)$$

$$P = \frac{c_0^2 \rho_0}{7} \left[\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^7 - 1 \right] \quad (6)$$

$$W(r, h) = \frac{21}{16\pi h^3} \left(1 - \frac{q}{2} \right)^4 (2q + 1) \quad (7)$$

$$0 \leq q (= r/h) \leq 2$$

SPH solver

An open source code of DualSPHysics (<http://dual.sphysics.org/>) that combines CUDA and OpenMP, based on the SPH method is used. DualSPHysics can utilise GPUs for arithmetic processing, so that over 3,000 threads parallelization can be performed on CUDA platform. Because of difficulties in implementation of several algorithms into GPU-based code, the basic SPH algorithms, not the latest ones, are available in the current DualSPHysics code. However DualSPHysics can deal with much large number of particles as compared to the ParallelSPH code, so that the global analysis of ship motions, incident waves and their interactions as well as the local water-shipping phenomenon can be solved in the same framework.

In this study, TeslaC2050 developed for GPU computing and GTXITAN done for gaming are used. The numerical models and conditions used for the SPH simulation are shown in Table 1. The reduced speed of sound is used to avoid the excessive CPU load and is decided not to exceed the certain Mach number. The variable time step is determined to satisfy the CFL (Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy) condition in each step.

Table 1 Numerical condition

Time step marching	Verlet
Viscosity parameter: α	0.08
Kernel compact support: $2h$ [m]	0.225
Speed of sound: C [m/s]	26.7
Particle distance: dx [m]	0.075
CFL number	0.3

3. MODEL EXPERIMENT

In order to investigate the applicability/accuracy of the SPH method for water-shipping problems, a model experiment for validation is conducted. The model ship is an 80 tonnage Japanese purse seiner because she could suffer the water-shipping in stormy wave condition due to the relatively small freeboard. As a first step towards quantitative safety assessment of the fishing vessel against the water on deck, a simplified ship model, in which the ship profile along the centre line is uniformly projected in width direction, is used as shown in Fig.1. The principal dimension of the model is shown in Table 2. The heights of freeboard and forecastle, L/B , and L/D are set to keep the original value of the subject fishing vessel. For the simplicity, the bulwark is neglected in this study.

With use of the simplified ship model, a captive test and free-motion measurement are conducted to validate the SPH simulation using a GPU.



Figure 1 Simplified purse-seiner model

Table 2 Particulars of the model

Length : L_{OA} [m]	1.6
Breadth : B [m]	0.33
Depth : D [m]	0.126
Draught: d [m]	0.12
mass : M [kg]	55.2
Metacentric height: GM [m]	0.00922
Gyro radius in roll: k_{xx}/B	0.40
Gyro radius in pitch: k_{yy}/L	0.30
Gyro radius in yaw: k_{zz}/L	0.30

Captive test

A captive model experiment is conducted at the towing tank of Osaka University. The ship model is fixed in 6 degrees of freedom, and hydrodynamic forces of surge, sway, roll and yaw are measured by a dynamometer located at the centre of ship gravity. Regular wave trains are generated by a plunger-type wave generator. The wave condition used in the captive test is shown in Table 3. The encounter angle to the incident waves is set to be zero (following wave) and sixty (stern quartering wave) degrees.

Table 3 Wave condition

λ [m]	H [m]	H/λ	λ/L
1.75	0.1575	0.090	1.094

Free-motion test

Ship motion measurement is conducted at the seakeeping and manoeuvring basin of National Maritime Research Institute of Fisheries Engineering. The ship model is completely free in the experiment and all the 6 DoF component of surge, sway, heave, roll, pitch, and yaw are measured by an on-board optical gyro scope and a total station system, and are stored in an on-board computer. The instantaneous position of the centre of ship gravity in the earth-fixed coordinate system can be measured by the total station system. (Umeda et al., 2014) The total station system uses two prisms attached to the ship model with the different position. The theodolite

emits light to the prisms and measures the phases of lights reflected by the prisms, so the instantaneous position of each prism in the earth-fixed coordinate can be calculated. By combining the positions of the two prisms and roll, yaw, and pitch angles measured by the gyro scope, instantaneous position of the centre of ship gravity can be determined. The prisms and the theodolite used in the experiment are shown in Fig.2.



Figure 2 Two prisms (left) and theodolite (right)

Regular steep waves are generated by a plunger-type wave generator and the tested wave condition is shown in Table 4. The initial encounter angle to the wave is 0 degrees (following wave). Firstly a vertical motion is excited by wave-ship interaction and a lateral motion is also excited after a while, and then the fully combined 6 DoF motion is excited. During the measurement, the shipping water on both the fore and aft upper decks is recorded by a water-proof camera of GoPro hero3.

Table 4 Wave condition

λ [m]	H [m]	H/λ	λ/L
1.75	0.1945	0.111	1.094

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Numerical simulations using the DualSPHysics code are performed for the same conditions as the captive test and free-motion measurement to discuss the applicability/accuracy of the SPH method in the prediction of 6 DoF motions under water-

shipping situations. Regular waves are generated by a flap-type wave generator realized by imposing the moving wall boundary condition.

Captive test

In the simulation of captive test, different sizes of numerical wave tanks are used depending on the encounter angle to reduce CPU costs as shown in Table 5. The comparisons of hydrodynamic force acting on the ship between the experiment and the SPH simulation are shown in Figs.3-4. Here $t=0$ means the time when a wave crest is passing the centre of ship gravity. Figs.5-6 show the water-shiping situation.

Table 5 Numerical wave tank

Encounter angle [deg]	Length [m]	Width [m]	Depth [m]
0.0	7.5	1.5	1.2
	No. of fluid particles [million]	No. of wall particles [million]	Total No. of particles [million]
	12.30	1.37	13.67
Encounter angle [deg]	Length [m]	Width [m]	Depth [m]
-60.0	7.5	3.0	1.2
	No. of fluid particles [million]	No. of wall particles [million]	Total No. of particles [million]
	25.18	1.76	26.94

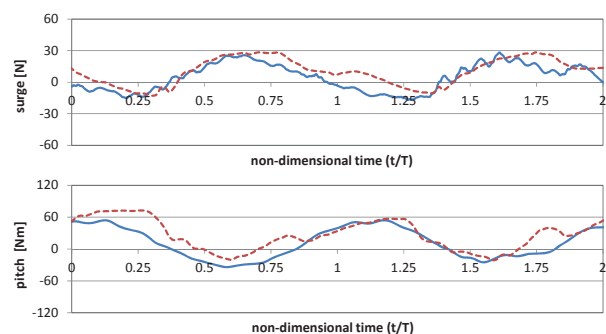


Figure 3 Comparison of wave-induced surge force and pitch moment ($\chi=0\text{deg}$)

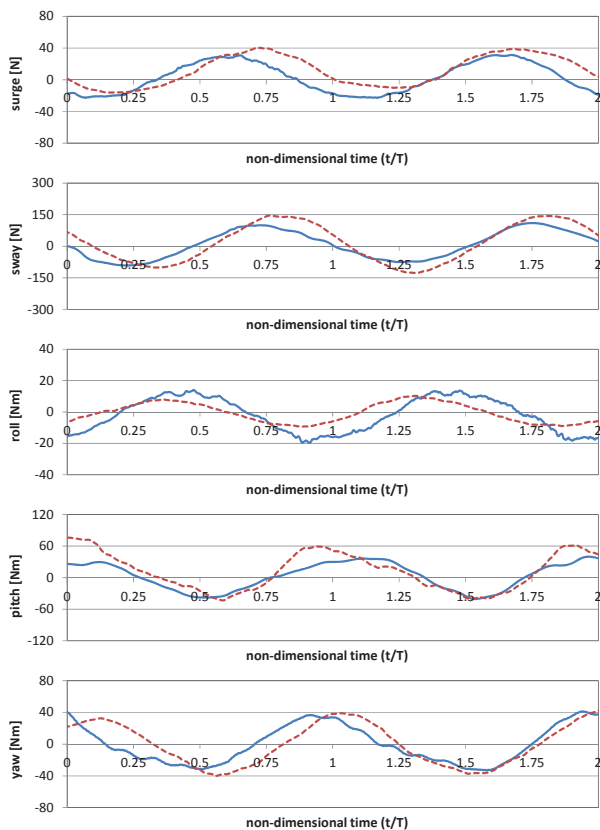


Figure 4 Comparison of wave-induced surge force and pitch moment ($\chi=60\text{deg}$)

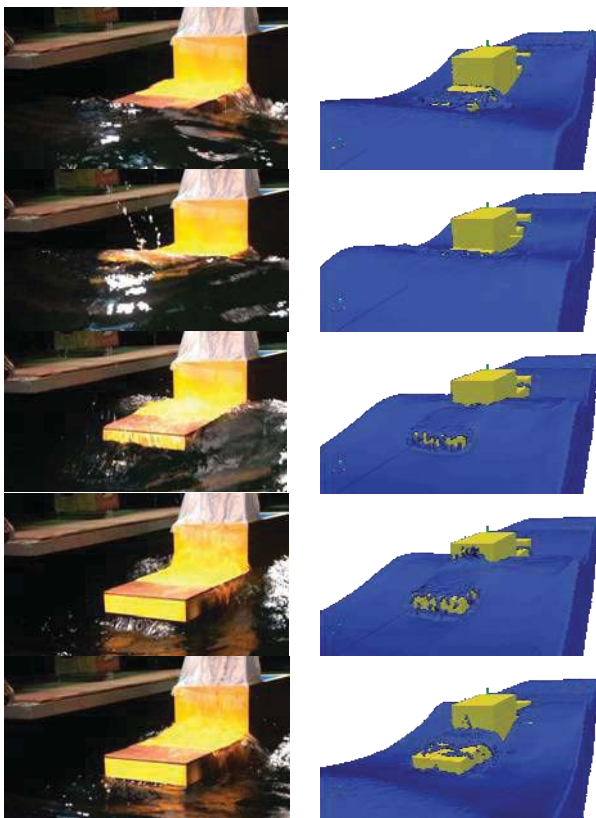


Figure 5 Comparison of water-shipping situation ($\chi=0\text{deg}$)

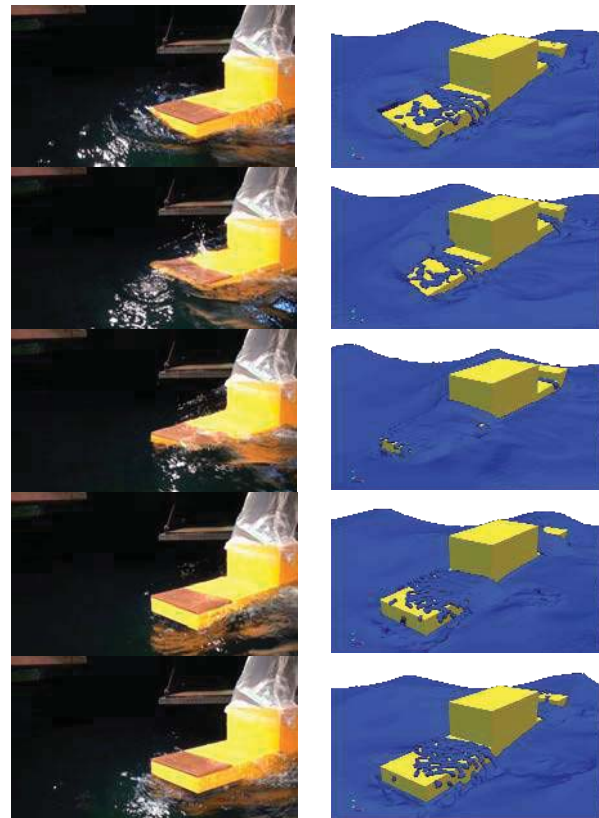


Figure 6 Comparison of water-shipping situation ($\chi=-60\text{deg}$)

In case of the encounter angle of 0 degrees, the hydrodynamic force in heave and pitch becomes vertically asymmetric. This phenomenon can be explained that the water impact to the superstructure push the ship forward as well as the steady drift force in surge and the accumulated water on the aft deck induce the bow-up moment in pitch, under severe water-shipping situation. The SPH method can capture this experimentally confirmed trend. In case of the encounter angle of 60 degrees, the asymmetric pitch disappears because the water on deck happens not only on the aft deck but also on the fore deck. The amplitude of wave-induced yaw moment is well predicted by the SPH simulation but there is certain phase shift, and the prediction accuracy is not so satisfactory in sway and roll. This discrepancy might be improved by increasing the number of fluid particles, which equals to increase the spatial resolution, because the pressure assessment for thin layer of shipping water requires a certain number of particles in vertical direction.

4.2 Free-motion test

The SPH simulation with the same condition of the ship motion measurement is executed. The size of numerical tank, the numbers of fluid and wall particles are shown in Table 6, respectively. Numerical test is performed with the initial angles of -3 degrees and 60 degrees for the comparison of transient and steady motions, respectively. The comparisons of the x- and y-positions, heave, roll, pitch and yaw motions between the model experiment and the SPH simulation are shown in Figs.7-8.

Table 6 Numerical wave tank

Length [m]	Width [m]	Depth [m]
10.0	3.0	0.5
No. of fluid particles [million]	No. of wall particles [million]	Total No. of particles [million]
23.22	1.34	24.56

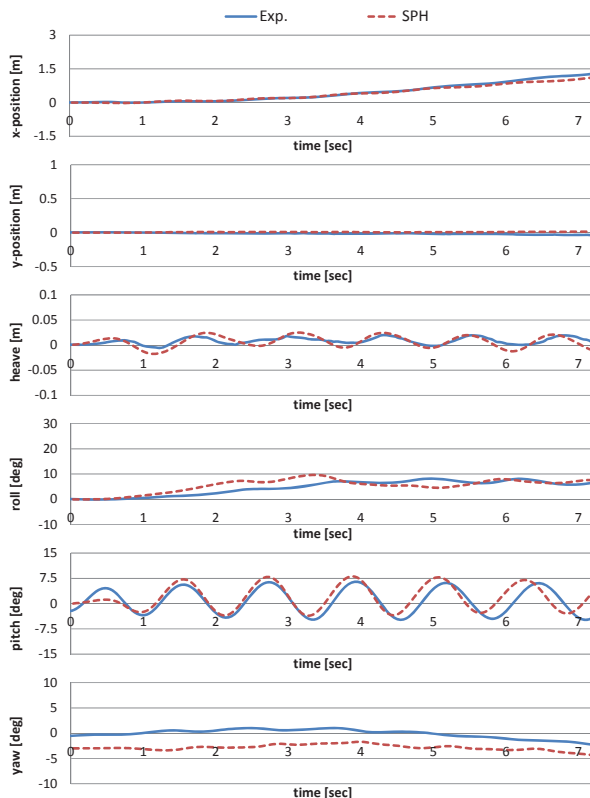


Figure 7 Comparison of transient motion in following waves

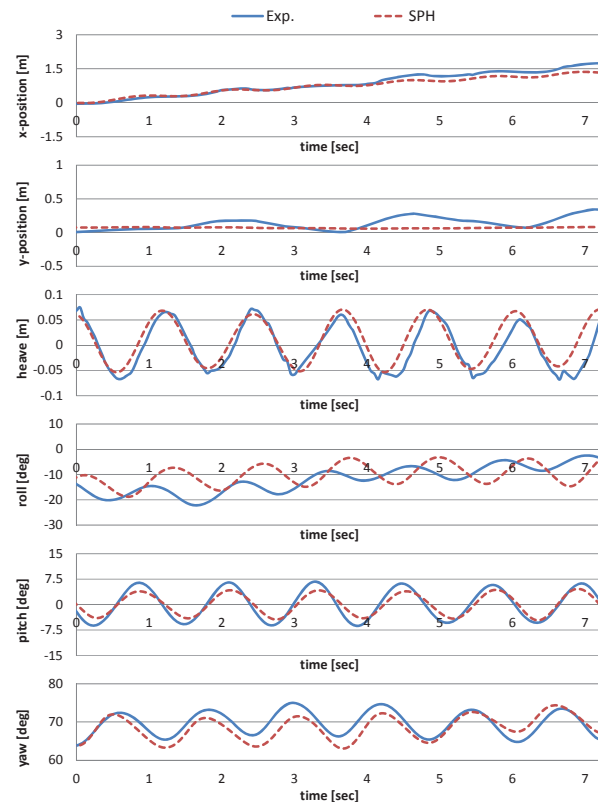


Figure 8 Comparison of steady periodic motion in stern quartering waves

Both in the experimental and numerical results for a transient motion, the lateral motions are almost negligible because of the small encounter angle, except for the heeling due to accumulated water on deck. The drift in longitudinal-direction (surge), heave and pitch motions are dominant in this situation, and the SPH well reproduces the experimental result. In case of a periodic steady state, the SPH result agrees with the experimental one qualitatively in all the 6 DoF motions. The agreement in sway and roll motions are slightly worse than other 4 motions, as presumed from Fig.4. The numerical simulation of the ship motion in steep waves shows the consistent result with the captive test results. To summarize, the prediction accuracy of the ship behaviour in severe water-shipping condition is reasonable and acceptable for practical uses.

Comparisons of the ship behaviour and the shipping water situation on the aft deck are shown in Figs.9-10 and Figs.11-12, respectively. In the experimental result of the

transient motion, severe water-shipping on the aft deck happens and hits the vertical wall of the superstructure with the significant water splashing. The SPH result well reproduces the ship-wave interaction with the violent shipping water flows in following seas. In the periodic steady state, the water-shipping happens much less compared to the transient motion both in the experiment and the simulation. Regarding the water on deck situation, the experimental result is more violent in the transient motion and the amount of the water on deck is larger in the steady state than the SPH results. For the first discrepancy, it might be because that water flows tend to over-damp due to the energy dissipation when the artificial viscosity is used. For the second discrepancy, the predicted amplitude of pitch moment is smaller than the experiment as shown in Fig.8, so the amount of water on deck becomes smaller because the water-shipping mainly happens when the ship stern is going down.

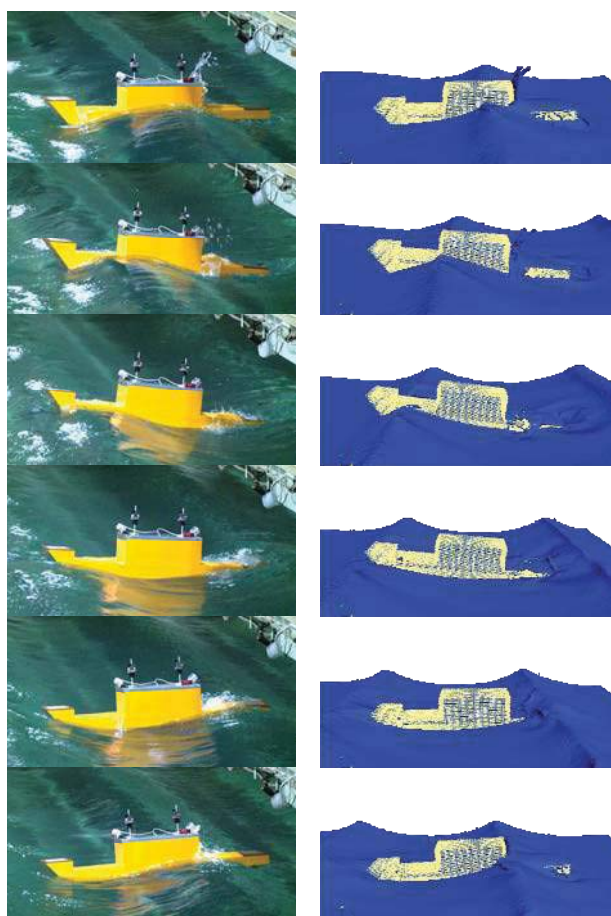


Figure 9 Comparison of ship transient motion

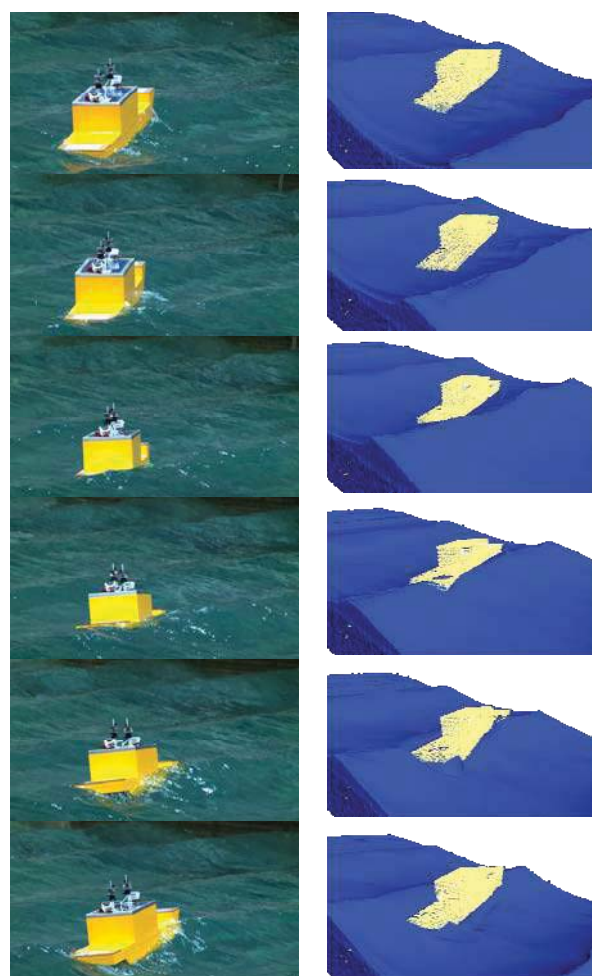


Figure 10 Comparison of ship steady motion

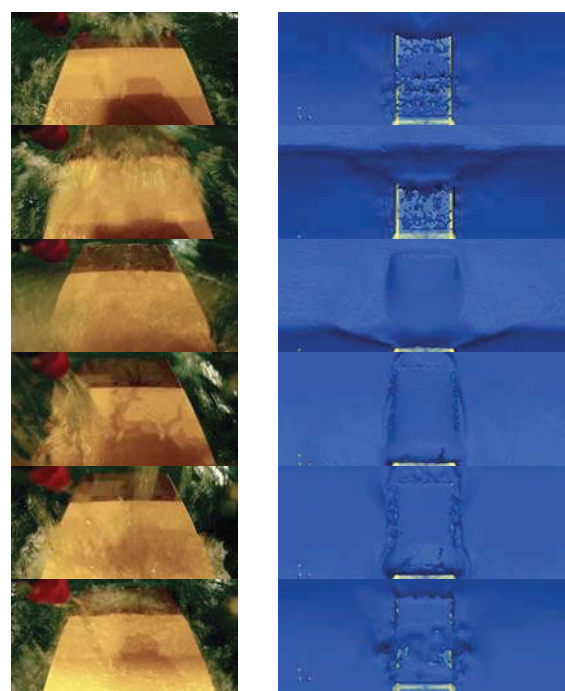


Figure 11 Comparison of shipping water on the aft deck in transient state

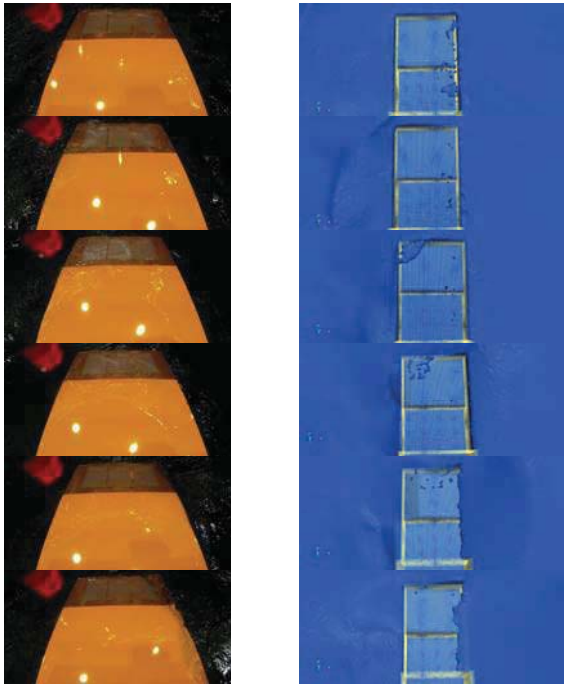


Figure 12 Comparison of shipping water on the aft deck in steady state

5. CONCLUSIONS

SPH simulation using GPU is performed to predict the 6DoF ship motion in water-shipping condition. The applicability and the prediction accuracy are investigated through comparisons with dedicated captive and free-motion tests in very steep waves using a simplified model of a fishing vessel. The calculated wave-induced hydrodynamic force agrees with the captive test qualitatively and the SPH method well reproduces the ship dynamic behaviour, in severe water-shipping situations. From the comparison results, it is demonstrated that the SPH simulation using GPU has good potential for the quantitative safety assessment of fishing vessels in water-shipping situation. Similar investigation using more realistic 3-D hull geometries is expected as a next step.

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- ## 8. NOMENCLATURES
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|--------------|------------------|
| ρ | density |
| t | time |
| \mathbf{u} | velocity vector |
| P | pressure |
| \mathbf{g} | gravity vector |
| Θ | diffusion term |
| m | mass |
| W | weight function |
| α | tuning parameter |
| c | speed of sound |
| \mathbf{r} | position vector |
| λ | wave length |
| H | wave height |



A Reassessment of Wind Speeds used for Intact Stability Analysis

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ABSTRACT

The intact stability of maritime surface vessels (ships, boats, landing craft, *etc.*) should be as-sessed for the most extreme environment that they are designed for or limited to operate in: namely the nominal and gust wind speeds and associated wave height and wave frequency profile.

The IMO and naval weather criteria apply to ocean going vessels but each use different wind speeds. The IMO criterion uses a single nominal wind speed (26 ms^{-1}) and a small gust factor ($\sqrt{1.5} = 1.225$) for all assessed vessels, irrespective of operational environment or expectations. The naval weather criteria uses different gust wind speeds for different operational expectations, with most significantly higher than the IMO gust wind speed. Yet these criteria are intended to assess the suitability of vessels for essentially similar operational expectations.

This paper revisits the basis of the wind speeds used for stability analysis. A range of standard-ized wind speeds for different types of operational service is proposed.

Keywords: *Stability, Wind Speed,*

NOMENCLATURE

t	time interval, in sec	WSR_{3600}	wind speed ratio based on an average over 3600 seconds (1 hour)
V_{avg}	average or nominal wind speed at 10 m height, in ms^{-1}	z	height above the surface, in m
V_{gust}	gust wind speed at 10 m height, in ms^{-1}	z_{ref}	reference height, in m
V_z	wind speed at height z , in ms^{-1}	α	exponent
V_{ref}	reference wind speed at height z_{ref} , in ms^{-1}		
WSR_{600}	wind speed ratio based on an average over 600 seconds (10 minutes)		

1. INTRODUCTION

Ship stability knowledge and practise has developed over the centuries much as other branches of engineering have, starting with trial and error, progressing to rules of thumb and then, relatively recently, introducing and de-

veloping analysis based on more rigorous application of scientific principles. Unlike other branches of engineering such as structural analysis, the 'science' of ship stability has not progressed much beyond the beginnings of scientific principles. Empirical relationships and heuristic information are heavily relied upon in developing criteria. In the main only still water characteristics are used to assess transverse stability in extreme environments. The use of seakeeping and manoeuvring characteristics in an extreme seaway to simulate and predict ship behaviour, such as broaching, that could lead to capsize has only in recent decades been actively explored.

Existing stability criteria are based on the still water characteristics of the vessel, incorporating various factors to account for operation in severe environments. Some, such as the basic IMO criteria, require nominated characteristics of the righting arm curve, including minimum areas under the GZ curve and minimum GM values. These were based on early work, such as that of Rahola (1939). This type of criteria that have been derived empirically are strictly only valid for the data set and the environments used in their derivation. However these criteria have been extended to many vessel types and sizes not in the original data set, and to environments markedly different than those original environments.

Weather criteria have been introduced in more recent decades that attempt to include the effects of wind and waves as overturning forces to be resisted. In these criteria, wave effects are usually introduced to the still-water righting moment curve by a 'roll-back' angle. Wind effects are introduced by a wind heeling moment/lever function, generally based on the up-right wind heeling moment.

There are a number of different factors that contribute to a stability criterion, wind speed being one. Especially important are the hidden factors and cause/effect mechanisms that drive how the criteria actually works (e.g. different wind/heel relationships, how much of the

buoyant structure is considered, roll back from nominal or gust equilibrium). The easiest example is probably the area ratio (refer to Figure 1): the naval criteria (DDS079, 1975) uses a \cos^2 relationship for the wind moment/lever with ship heel, requiring $A1/A2 \geq 1.40$, whereas the IMO criterion (IMO2008, 2009) uses a constant wind moment/lever relationship, requiring $A1/A2 \geq 1.00$.

The IMO wind speed (and wave age part of the roll back formulation) are intended to be an "average" between the height of a tornado (high winds, young, steep developing seas) and the aftermath (lower winds, more fully developed seas). So the criterion coefficients somehow relate this average environment to both the height of the tornado and the environment in its aftermath. What is actually being modelled here has become clouded, with wind speed used as a tuning factor.

Adopted in this paper is the premise that inputs (especially wind and wave effects) should be treated in as rigorous and realistic a manner as possible and then any criterion relationship coefficients tuned to give results that match experimental and real life data. This approach has the following advantages:

- Inputs can be investigated generally in isolation without hidden factors clouding results, allowing for better treatments over time.
- Criteria can be developed from established engineering principles largely independent of the inputs. Over time this could allow for better criteria to be developed.
- Inputs can be varied to allow for different environments in a logical and transparent manner.

The treatment of wind, particularly developing a standardised set of wind speeds for stability analyses, is the subject of this paper.

2. WIND CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 Wind Velocity Profile

The average or nominal wind does not have the same wind speed at all heights above the earth surface. Near the surface, friction and surface roughness affect the strength or speed of the wind. This is the ‘constant shear’ region, which extends to about 100 m above the surface. Within this region the variation in wind speed over the ocean is commonly approximated by (e.g. McTaggart and Savage, 1994, EM 1110-2-1100, 2002):

$$V_z = V_{ref} \left(\frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)^\alpha \quad (1)$$

The value of α varies from 0.1 to 0.4 depending on surface roughness. McTaggart and Savage (1994) reported that α varies from 0.12 to 0.14 for stormy ocean conditions. A common value for α is 0.13 ($\approx 1/7.5$).

The international meteorological community has standardized on reporting wind speeds at a 10 m height above the surface. Historically, this height was not always used and measurements of opportunity, such as ship’s anemometers, could be at any height. When comparing wind speeds from different sources, conversion to a common baseline height (10 m) using equation (1) may be necessary.

2.2 Wind Gusts

The long term average wind speed is used in wave growth models and is usually the nominal wind speed reported by the local weather bureau. In Australia, and generally internationally, the 10-minute maximum sustained wind speed average, at 10 meters height, is used as the nominal wind speed.

The spatial distribution of packets of wind blowing in a particular direction with a rela-

tively constant wind speed is seemingly random in nature. A time history at a particular point will provide various statistics about the wind, such as the average and standard deviations of wind speed and direction, and so on. Unlike ocean waves, which can be viewed in an analogous manner, the wind statistics can quickly change, and there is a need to take statistics over limited time intervals. Durst (1960) established a relationship for gust wind speeds for different durations based on analysis of winds over open and flat terrain.

For a 1-hour (3600-seconds) average maximum sustained wind speed, the Durst wind speed ratio for winds of smaller duration is given by (EM 1110-2-1100 2002):

$$WSR_{3600}(t) = 1.277 + 0.296 \tanh \left(0.9 \log_{10} \left(\frac{45}{t} \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

If the wind speed ratio for a different return period, say 10-minutes (600-seconds), is calculated, it is a simple matter to obtain the wind speed ratio relative to that new return period:

$$WSR_{600}(t) = \frac{WSR_{3600}(t)}{WSR_{3600}(600)} \quad (3)$$

The wind speed ratios based on 1-hour, 10-minute and 1-minute average maximum sustained wind speeds are plotted in Figure 1. The gust ratio for a 5-sec gust duration when com-

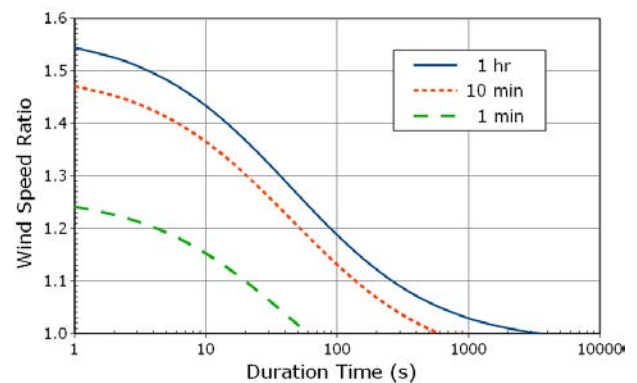


Figure 1 Wind speed ratio for 1 hour, 10 minute and 1 minute averaging periods

pared to the 10-min average is 1.4122, very close to $\sqrt{2} = 1.4142$.

In more recent years there have been many studies of wind gustiness, especially in hurricanes, each arriving at different gust factors. One example is the gust model developed by the Engineering Sciences Data Unit, ESDU. Vickery and Skerlj (2005) presented data indicating that the ESDU gust model, using a roughness of 0.03m, gave the best fit to available data, though the Durst model also gave a fit close to this preferred ESDU model. Limited data indicated that gust factors at sea are a little lower than over land by an average factor of 0.95, Vickery and Skerlj (2005). A later analysis by Vickery et al. (2007) presented a comparison of the ESDU gust model to available data, this time based on a 1-minute nominal period, reproduced as Figure 2. Overlaid on this figure (dashed line) is the Durst model for 1-minute nominal wind speeds. The Durst model appears to give better predictions for gusts longer than 3 seconds. Also, converting to 10-minute nominal winds would result in 15-20% higher gust factors.

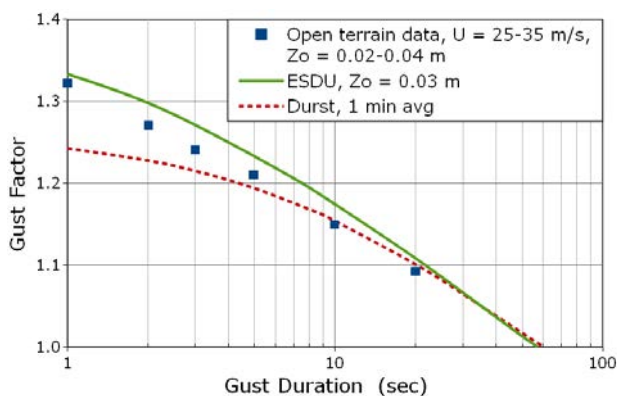


Figure 2 Comparison of the ESDU model to gust data, adapted from Vickery et al. (2007)

The ESDU model is somewhat complicated to apply, whereas the Durst model is relatively simple. Noting that the two give fairly similar results and that the Durst model dates from the 1960s when wind speeds for stability analysis

were selected, the Durst model is adopted for this paper.

2.3 Tropical Cyclone Scales

There are a number of schemes for categorising the severity of tropical cyclones. A summary of the various scales used throughout the world as given by Tropical Cyclone Scales (2013) is:

- Atlantic Ocean and East Pacific Ocean - characterised by the United States developed Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, which is based on 1-minute maximum sustained wind speeds.
- West Pacific Ocean, Northern Hemisphere monitored by the Japan Meteorological Agency's Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC). The typhoon intensity scale is based on 10-minute maximum sustained wind speed.
- North Indian Ocean - monitored by the India Meteorological Department's Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre in New Delhi, India. The cyclonic storm scale is based on a 3-minute averaging period to determine sustained wind speeds.
- South-Western Indian Ocean - monitored by Météo-France which runs the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre in La Reunion. The tropical cyclone scale is based on a 10-minute average maximum sustained winds.
- South Pacific Ocean and South-Eastern Indian Ocean - monitored by either the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and/or the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre in Nadi, Fiji. Both warning centres use the Australian tropical cyclone intensity scale, which is based on 10-minute maximum sustained wind speed combined with estimated maximum wind gusts, which are a further 30-40% stronger.

It can be seen that there are a number of different scales used to characterise tropical cyclones, potentially making comparisons erroneous.

Table 1 Beaufort wind scale, adapted from Tropical Cyclone Scales (2010)

Wind						Tropical Cyclone Scales		
Beaufort	Description	Upper Wind Speed		Potential 5 sec Gust		US	Japan	AU
		Knots	m/s	Knots	m/s			
6	Strong Breeze	27	13.9	38	19.6	Tropical Depression	Tropical Depression	Tropical Depression
7	Near Gale	33	17.0	47	24.0			
8	Gale	40	20.6	56	29.1	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	Cat 1 Tropical Cyclone
9	Strong Gale	47	24.2	66	34.1			
10	Storm	55	28.3	78	40.0			
11	Violent Storm	63	32.4	89	45.8	Cat 1 Hurricane	Severe Tropical Storm	Cat 2 Tropical Cyclone
12	Hurricane	71	36.5	100	51.6			
13		80	41.2	113	58.1	Cat 2 Hurricane	Typhoon	Cat 3 Severe Tropical Cyclone
14		89	45.8	126	64.7	Cat 3 Hurricane		Cat 4 Severe Tropical Cyclone
15		99	50.9	140	71.9			Cat 4 Hurricane
16		109	56.1	154	79.2	Cat 5 Hurricane		
17		118	60.7	167	85.7			
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The Beaufort wind scale is used to categorize wind speed and, in the absence of reliable instrumentation, is often used to report wind speed. Wind speeds used in the Beaufort scale reflect the standard 10-minute average at 10-metres height. The Beaufort Scale is typically defined to Beaufort 12. It was extended to Beaufort 17 in 1944, intended for special cases, such as tropical cyclones (Met Office, 2010).

The tropical cyclone scales of interest are the US Saffir-Simpson scale and the Japanese scale, as they have been influential on wind speed selection used in stability analyses, and, for the authors, the Australian tropical cyclone scale. These tropical cyclone scales have been compared to the Beaufort scale in Table 1, using the Durst relationship to convert US 1-minute sustained wind speed to 10-minute sus-

tained wind speeds. This illustrates the differences between the tropical cyclone scales. Of note is that the US hurricane categories start at Beaufort 11 and the Japanese typhoon category (which is subdivided for internal use) starts at Beaufort 12.

3. WIND SPEEDS

3.1 IMO

The IMO uses a wind speed of 26 ms^{-1} (50.5 knots) as the nominal wind speed in its weather criterion, with a gust factor (GF) of $1.225 (\sqrt{1.5})$ to give a gust wind speed of 31.8 ms^{-1} (61.9 knots). The nominal wind speed is equivalent to a mid Beaufort 10 wind. Noting

that the gust heeling lever governs the weather criterion, using the 5-second gust factor of 1.412 equates the IMO gust wind of 31.8 ms^{-1} to a nominal wind speed of 22.5 ms^{-1} (43.8 knots), which is mid Beaufort 9. For vessels expected to avoid the worst weather and that can use weather routing to do so, mid Beaufort 9 represents fairly severe weather - but it is certainly not the worst that could be encountered. Not all vessels, whether or not they are using weather routing, can successfully avoid the worst weather.

According to Yamagata (1959), the selection of 26 ms^{-1} was an average between the maximum winds of a tropical cyclone (called a typhoon by the Japanese) and the more steady winds in the immediate aftermath. This also made allowance for wave age—waves tend to be younger and therefore steeper in short duration winds compared to the more fully developed waves that occur with time. However, an examination of the actual data presented, especially Table III of Yamagata (1959) (adapted as Table 2 here), would suggest a higher value.

Table 2 Nominal wind environments,
adapted from Yamagata (1959)

Event	Avg Trailing Wind Speed (ms^{-1})	Max Wind Speed At Centre (ms^{-1})	Application
Barometric Gradient	10		Smooth waters
Front	15		Inshore
Low	15	32	Offshore
Typhoon	20	50	Ocean going

Comparing Table 1 with Table 2, the maximum wind speeds of Table 2 could possibly be gust wind speeds. The question then is what gust ratio to apply.

Yamagata (1959) provided data, reproduced as Figure 3 here, that showed gust factors ranged from 1.0 to 1.7 with an average of 1.23 ($\approx \sqrt{1.5}$). At higher wind speeds, above about

30 ms^{-1} , the maximum gust factor was 1.3. The average value was adopted, taken as $\sqrt{1.5}$ ($= 1.225$).

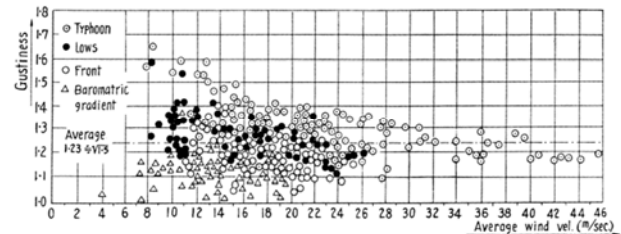


Figure 3 Wind gustiness, from Yamagata (1959)

The variation of wind speed with location from the peak of a tropical cyclone through to the trailing wind was simplified (Yamagata, 1959). This simplification was similar to Figure 4 (the bottom line is the Yamagata simplification, apparently using the data from Table 2, though how this was effected is not immediately apparent). The maximum wind speed adopted was about 32 ms^{-1} . From Table 2, this is the maximum wind velocity for a low pressure system. If the value of 50 ms^{-1} from Table 2 is taken as a gust wind speed, using a gust factor of 1.225 (the gust factor assumed by the Japanese) gives a nominal wind speed of 40.8 ms^{-1} . Alternatively, using a gust factor of 1.412 (the gust factor from Durst) gives a nominal wind speed of 35.4 ms^{-1} . Neither matches the 32 ms^{-1} that was used.

Taking the data of Table 2 as the intended values, a number of different analyses can be performed. Assuming that the typhoon maximum wind speed is a gust wind speed and the gust factor of 1.225 applies, the average and gust wind speeds of the central or tropical cyclone zone should have been calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{avg} &= \frac{\left(\frac{50}{1.225} + 20 \right)}{2} \\
 &= 30.4 \text{ ms}^{-1} \\
 V_{gust} &= 1.225 \times 30.4 \\
 &= 37.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

If the 5-second gust factor of 1.412 was used instead, the respective wind speeds would be:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{avg} &= \frac{\left(\frac{50}{1.412} + 20\right)}{2} \\
 &= 27.7 \text{ ms}^{-1} \\
 V_{gust} &= 1.412 \times 30.4 \\
 &= 39.1 \text{ ms}^{-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

This second result is close to the top of Beaufort 10 (nominal to 28.3 ms^{-1} , gusts to approximately 40.0 ms^{-1}). This suggests that Beaufort 10 is a more realistic wind definition for vessels intended for unlimited operation at sea, though still avoiding centres of severe tropical disturbance.

Figure 4 shows the result when applying different gust factors (GF) to the specified maximum wind speed at the centre of a typhoon of 50.0 ms^{-1} .

Applying the same method and the 5-second gust factor of 1.412, the respective wind speeds for a low pressure system would be:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{avg} &= \frac{\left(\frac{32}{1.412} + 15\right)}{2} \\
 &= 18.8 \text{ ms}^{-1} \\
 V_{gust} &= 1.412 \times 18.8 \\
 &= 26.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

This last result is the middle of Beaufort 8 (nominal to 20.6 ms^{-1} , gusts to approximately 29.1 ms^{-1}). This suggests that Beaufort 8 is more appropriate for vessels that must avoid the worst weather. Such vessels would need ready access to refuge.

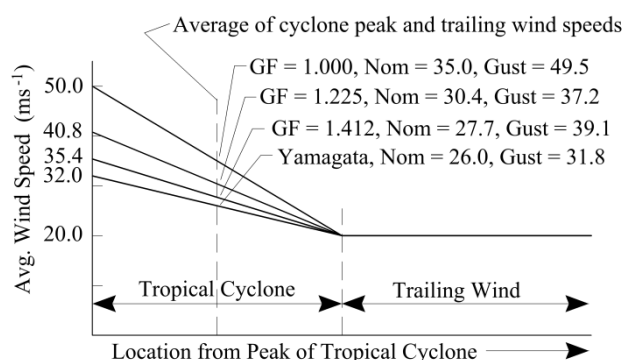


Figure 4 Simplified typhoon wind velocity, adapted from Yamagata (1959)

3.2 Naval

There is no actual historical evidence available for the development of the naval criteria wind speeds. The likely rationale for their selection can be deduced once the different tropical cyclone scales employed by different authorities are considered.

The defining event for formulating USN intact stability, Typhoon Cobra in 1944 (also known as Halsey's Typhoon), was described as Force 12 with average winds 50 to 75 knots and gusts as high as 120 knots. Brown and Deybach (1998) reported that the USN identified 100 knots as a reasonable wind velocity for ship survival in tropical storms. DDS 079-1 (1975) specified wind speeds for various service categories as:

- Ocean and Coastwise:
 - 100 knots - Ships which must be expected to weather the full force of tropical cyclones.
 - 80 knots - Ships which will be expected to avoid centres of tropical disturbance; and
- Coastwise:
 - 60 knots - Vessels which will be recalled to protected anchorages if winds over Force 8 are expected.

A number of observations can be made about the USN categories:

- 100 knots is the 5-second gust speed for Beaufort 12. It seems reasonable to assume that, for this service category, a gust

factor of about 1.5, rounded to a neat result, was applied to a nominal wind of Beaufort 12.

- 80 knots is close to the 5-second gust speed for Beaufort 10 - refer to Table 1. Under the US system, this is the strongest Beaufort wind not categorized as a hurricane and 80 knots applies to ships expected to avoid centres of tropical disturbance. It seems reasonable to assume that, for this service category, a gust factor of about 1.5, rounded to a neat result, was applied to a nominal wind of Beaufort 10.
- Beaufort 8 has a nominal wind speed to 40 knots. 60 knots is 1.5 times the nominal wind speed. It seems reasonable to assume that a gust factor of about 1.5, rounded to a neat result, was applied.
- The USN categories are essentially for ocean voyaging ships (100 and 80 knots wind speed) and for limited range vessels (60 knots) able to return easily to shelter. The latter category could include ship's boats which would not operate in severe environments and which could return to the parent ship.

3.3 NSCV

The Australian National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV, 2002) defined environments deemed suitable for domestic operations. The wind environments were presented as Beaufort wind speeds and gust pressures, with a formula to convert pressures to equivalent wind speeds. Using this formula revealed a wide range of gust factors, ranging from 1.3 for the ocean going categories to 1.76 for a protected waters category.

In the Australian context, it is desirable to use the NSCV categories where possible as most vessels available commercially in Australia would have been assessed against the NSCV. This can best be done by matching gusting wind pressures, which are used for analysis in the NSCV.

4. STANDARD WIND SPEEDS

The reanalysis of the original Japanese data presented in Yamagata (1959), the interpretation of the naval wind speeds presented in DDS 079-1 (1975) and inclusion of the NSCV categories strongly suggest the wind speeds defined in Table 3 for a range of service categories should apply. The wind speeds prescribed are nominal or average wind speeds. A gust factor of around 1.4 is recommended to derive the gust or design wind speed typically used in quasi-static analyses. This would most easily be arranged by doubling the nominal wind heeling moment (equivalent to a gust factor of $\sqrt{2} = 1.414$).

This paper developed the wind speeds recommended for offshore and ocean-going vessels. Table 3 also presents recommended wind speeds for operation of limited duration offshore (coastal) and in more protected areas. These were developed by Hayes (2014) and are appropriate for the Australian context. Other jurisdictions will possibly need to vary from these suggestions to suit local conditions.

Associated wave heights have been shown in Table 3 for completeness. They were derived from basic wind/wave relationships (Hayes, 2014) and are not intended to be definitive.

It is useful to define a number of service categories for the purposes of setting the environments (and any other pertinent parameters) applicable to the intended uses of a vessel. A vessel intended to stay in position except in the most severe weather should clearly be assessed using a more severe environment to that for a vessel intended to coastal hop only when suitable weather presents itself. The service categories, once defined, would be applied to most vessels, selecting the most appropriate category for the intended service of the vessel. This allows for clear definitions that can be applied and understood across the fleet.



Table 3 Suggested standard environments

Service Category	Wind					Sig. Wave Height m	NSCV Equivalent ⁴		
	Nominal Speed ¹			Pressure ²			Category	Pressure Pa	Sig Wave Ht m
				Nominal Pa	Gust ³ Pa				
Ocean Unlimited	12	71	37	987	1974	14.0	None		
Ocean Limited	10	55	28	592	1184	9.5	None		
Offshore	8	40	21	313	626	6.0	A / B	600	>6
Coastal	7	33	17	213	426	4.5	C	450	4.5
Inshore	6	27	14	143	285	2.5	D	360	2.5
Smooth Waters	6	27	14	143	285	0.6	E	300	0.6

Notes: 1. 10-minute average at 10 metres.
2. Based on flat plate, 500 Pa at 26 m/s.
3. Gust pressures 2 times the nominal pressure.
4. Data from NSCV (2002)

Suggested descriptions of the service categories are presented in Table 4. Note that in the naval context, a safe haven can include the parent ship and that the size of the environment and

range from the safe haven, not geographical limits, are the important parameters. This could also apply in the commercial context.

Table 4 Suggested service categories

Service	Description	Weather & Sea Characteristics	Survival & Rescue Infrastructure
Ocean Unlimited	Fully independent operation at sea, able to hold station in all but extreme conditions, able to resume duties after conditions abate.	Severe tropical cyclone or equivalent, extreme winds and extreme seas.	Early rescue not likely. Probable extended period in survival mode.
Ocean Limited	Independent operations at sea, avoiding centres of severe tropical disturbance, able to resume duties when conditions abate.	Storm force weather or equivalent. Very high winds and very high seas.	Early rescue not likely. Probable extended period in survival mode.
Offshore	Independent operation within 200 nautical miles or 12 hours at cruising speed (whichever is less) of a safe haven. Return to safe haven if winds likely to exceed Beaufort 8.	Gale force weather and very rough seas.	Survival in moderate conditions or early location likely and within helicopter range for rescue.
Coastal	Restricted operations within 4 hours travel at cruising speed of a safe haven.	Near gale force weather and rough seas.	Survival in benign conditions or early rescue.
Inshore	Operates within specified geographical limits defined as 'partially smooth' or within 2 hours travel at cruising speed of a safe haven in an equivalent environment.	Strong winds and moderate seas.	Rescue facilities and/or shoreline nearby.
Smooth Waters	Operates within specified geographical limits defined as 'smooth' or within 1 hour travel at cruising speed of a safe haven in an equivalent environment.	Strong winds and operates only in small waves.	Rescue facilities and/or shoreline nearby.



The suggested service categories would apply to a majority of cases. Special purpose vessels, intended for very specific roles, environments and survival probabilities, could require very specific operational profiles and environments to be defined.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Reiterating, inputs to stability criteria (especially wind and wave effects) should be treated in as rigorous and realistic a manner as possible. Any criterion relationship coefficients should then be developed such that the results of applying the criteria match experimental and real life data – i.e. they are realistic predictors of safe vessels for the intended extreme environment.

A standardised set of wind speeds for stability analyses would mean that the use of wind speed becomes more transparent, with less opportunity to cloud how it shapes the criteria coefficients. How the criteria would then be developed to accommodate these standardised wind speeds is a different question to be answered by more research.

Wind speeds appropriate for general stability analyses have been developed and defined in terms of different service categories. Adopting these, or similar, wind speeds and service categories allows for stability analyses appropriate to the actual use of and operational limitations of different vessels and is encouraged.

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ABSTRACT

A new set of intact stability criteria is under development at IMO with the aim to address the stability failures of a ship in a seaway. These criteria are structured in a three level approach. The first two levels consist of calculations characterized by different levels of accuracy. The third level is named “direct assessment” and typically a numerical tool for hydrodynamics calculations is envisaged for the assessment. However, at present no criteria or procedures have been developed for this third level.

In the various scenarios of modern merchant ships, Ro Ro-Passenger vessels represent a very interesting field of investigation for intact stability vulnerability assessment especially for the righting lever variations in waves. For the specific stability failures of parametric roll and pure loss of stability, in the present paper, we apply the 2nd Generation of Intact Stability Criteria to some typical Ro Ro-Passenger ferries and results are presented in terms of computed curves of minimum required GM. We have also carried out a direct assessment of the stability using the “Insufficient Stability Event Index” (ISEI- concept) and compared the obtained GMReq – curves.

This comprehensive investigation has the purpose to assess the reliability of the newly proposed criteria as technically consistent and harmonized safety rules.

To this aim the investigation domain has been enhanced to the cargo ships field, in particular considering three selected containerships that have suffered serious accidents in a heavy seaway.

Keywords: *Intact stability failure modes, direct assessment, GM required curves, safety level.*

1. INTRODUCTION

In the latest years, under the specific agenda item named “second-generation intact-stability criteria,” IMO has been active on the development of vulnerability criteria for the assessment of ship behaviour in a seaway. The importance of this issues is already pointed out in the Preamble of the Intact Stability code (2008): “It was recognized that in view of a

wide variety of types, sizes of ships and their operating and environmental conditions, problems of safety against accidents related to stability have generally not yet been solved. In particular, the safety of a ship in a seaway involves complex hydrodynamic phenomena which up to now have not been fully investigated and understood”



Among the failure modes recognised by the IMO are:

- Pure loss of stability
- Parametric roll
- Dead ship condition in beam seas
- Surf-riding and broaching-to

Only the first two are faced in the present investigation, in the specific field of Ro-Pax ships. For a larger perspective on the subject, also three Container vessels' behaviour has been analysed.

If a ship is susceptible to a stability failure that is neither explicitly nor properly covered by the existing intact stability regulations, the ship is regarded as an "unconventional ship" in terms of that particular stability failure mode.

"Second-generation intact-stability criteria" are based on a multi-tiered assessment approach: for a given ship design, each stability failure mode is evaluated relying on two levels of vulnerability assessment, characterized by different levels of accuracy and computational effort.

A ship which fails to comply with the first level is assessed at the second-level criteria. In turn, if unacceptable results are found again, the vessel must then be examined by means of a direct assessment procedure based on tools and methodologies corresponding to the best state-of-the-art prediction methods in the field of ship-capsizing prediction. This third-level criteria should be as close to the physics of capsizing as practically possible.

Direct assessment procedures for stability failure are intended to employ the most advanced technology available, and to be sufficiently practical to be uniformly applied, verified, validated, and approved using currently available infrastructure. Ship motions in waves, used for assessment on stability performance, can be reproduced by means of numerical simulations or model tests.

Where model tests have the disadvantage that investigations in short crested, irregular seas are hardly possible.

Calculations performed in the current work are structured in three phases.

First, all the ships are judged with the mandatory intact stability regulation (IS Code, 2008), in order to define the safety level at present. Then a direct assessment is performed by means of non-linear time domain, computations, able to compute the so called "insufficient stability event index" (ISEI). A more thorough description of ISEI is given in the next paragraphs. Following the above mentioned calculations, GMReq sets of values are obtained from both the IS code criteria (usually for Ro-Pax corresponds to the Weather Criterion) and the direct assessment method. A gap, in terms of GMReq, between the two approaches is the obtained result, as it could be expected.

At this point the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria are introduced to complete the outline of the situation.

The aim of this work is to show how suitably the new stability requirements apply in addressing parametric roll and pure loss problems, filling the range between the mandatory and the numerically simulated stability safety level. In the following the structure of the new criteria is explained, as well as a description of the direct assessment methodology. Finally, results for the case studies are presented and properly discussed.

2. 2ND GENERATION INTACT STABILITY CRITERIA

In this work the IMO document used for the calculations is the SDC 1 Inf. 8 with the updates of the SDC/ISCG of the latest months. All the amendments have been implemented in the ship design software package E4 of the



Hamburg University of Technology, developed in Fortran90 language.

In the following the first two levels of vulnerability criteria, for the specific failure modes of Parametric roll and Pure Loss of stability, are briefly explained.

2.1 Level 1 Vulnerability Criteria

The first level consists of simple formulae based on the ship hydrostatics and regards the GM sensitiveness to waterline variation due to wave profile. In fact, as an effect of a wave passing the ship, the lever arm as well as the metacentric height will face a change due to the modification of the water plane area and the immersed volume distribution, considering the ship to be balanced in sinkage and trim. It is recognized that most of the times the worse situation in terms of stability is represented by the wave crest situated amidships.

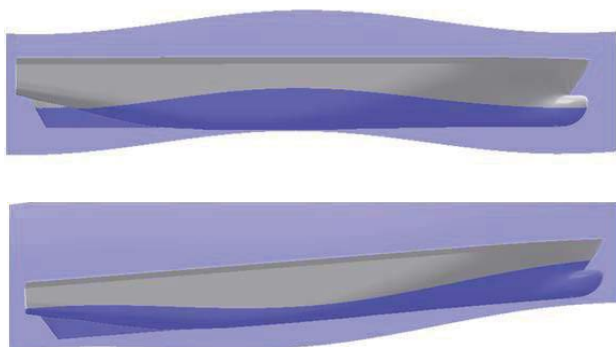


Figure 1: Wave with the length of the ship with crest and trough located at amidships.

Parametric Roll: A ship is vulnerable to parametric roll, according to level 1, if the ratio between the amplitude of the GM variation in waves and the GM in still water is less than a certain value. The formula reads as follows:

$$\frac{\Delta GM}{GM} \leq R_{PR}$$

Where R_{pr} is taken as 0.5 or as a value function of the midship section coefficient C_m and the bilge keel area, whichever is the less.

Longitudinal sinusoidal waves with a length λ and steepness Sw of 0.0167 are taken for the calculation of the ΔGM . The wave crest is centred at the longitudinal centre of gravity at each 0.1 forward and aft thereof.

Pure loss of stability: For cases with speed corresponding to Froude number of significantly high values (in the draft proposal threshold value for example 0.31), a ship is considered potentially dangerous to this phenomenon. In such case the criterion reads as follows:

$$GM_{MIN} > R_{PLA}$$

GM_{MIN} is the minimum value of the metacentric height as a longitudinal wave passes the ship. It has been observed that the most critical situation is quite often presenting the wave crest in the surrounding of the amidships longitudinal position. R_{PLA} is defined as: $\min(1.83 d (Fn)^2, 0.05)$, with d the draft of the loading condition under consideration. The wave length considered to compute the GM is the same of the ship length and the steepness in this case is 0.0334 (the double of the one applied for parametric roll).

2.2 Level 2 Vulnerability Criteria

The compliance with the first level is in principle always possible provided that the sufficient (usually high) level of stability (for example in terms of GM) is met. One of the reasons for that could be also the conservative approach of the described formulae (i.e. the high safety margin implied). To this regard it is worth mentioning that a very high GM value might imply also some shortcomings and recently at IMO attention has also been given to the issue of excessive accelerations. It should also be mentioned that unrealistically high values of GM pose a severe burden to the design of the ship.



Therefore for both parametric roll and pure loss more complex formulations are needed in order to get a more realistic stability level. The way to gain this target consists basically of developing an averaged assessment on a larger set of environment conditions. For the purpose of this paper a series of longitudinal sinusoidal waves (proposed as an option in the draft rule text) from a length λ of 22m to 630m are used for the computation of a weighted average.

Parametric Roll: The first check the ship has to pass requires that the weighted average among all the wave cases is less than a certain value RPR (in our case 0.1).

$$\frac{\Delta GM(H_i, \lambda_i)}{GM(H_i, \lambda_i)} < R_{PR}$$

At the same time it is also requested that:

$$V_{PRI} < V_D$$

Therefore, besides that check on GM also the design speed V_D of the ship shall not exceed the resonance speed V_{PRI} .

Moreover, if this check is not overcome, the roll motion has to be assessed in head and following seas for a range of operational speeds. Different options are possible for this computation: a numerical transient solution, an analytical steady state solution or a numerical steady state solution. In this work the second option has been attempted using the updated formula of the working group when the 5th degree polynomial fitting of the righting lever curve was not precise enough. No satisfactory results have been obtained with this approach, therefore we considered the first check as the only possible requirement in the evaluation of the GM required curves. It should in this context be mentioned that if the criteria will be

made mandatory, it must be guaranteed that they are numerically stable.

Pure loss of stability: The same wave cases, with double of the steepness are applied for this second level. Three criteria have to be assessed, addressing the issues of a limit for the vanishing stability angle, for the maximum loll angle and for the maximum value of the righting arm. For the angle parameters we applied the proposed standards of 30 degrees, 25 degrees respectively. The standard value for the criterion addressing the maximum righting arm is expressed as a function of wave steepness, F_n , and ship draft.

3. DIRECT ASSESSMENT

As already mentioned, if the ship is found to be vulnerable under the first two levels (or more realistically, if the GM_{Req} in order to comply with is too high), a direct assessment is required, possibly related with the quantification of a capsizing risk. No rules are actually available for this procedure, therefore the numerical tool E4ROLLS, developed by Söding Kroeger and Petey provided by the Hamburg University of Technology, has been applied. With this tool, the 6-DOF motion of the ship is computed in an irregular short-crested seaways. While heave, pitch, sway and yaw are computed by means of strip theory in the frequency domain, roll and surge, due to their nonlinear nature, are determined in the time domain.

For the roll motion the following equation has been used (Kröger 1987):

$$\ddot{\varphi} = \frac{M_{wind} + M_{sy} + M_{wave} + M_{tank} - M_d - m(g - \ddot{\zeta})h_s}{I_{xx} - I_{xz}(\psi \sin \varphi + \vartheta \cos \varphi)} + \frac{I_{xz}[(\ddot{\vartheta} + \vartheta \dot{\varphi}^2) \sin \varphi - (\dot{\psi} + \psi \dot{\varphi}^2) \cos \varphi]}{I_{xx} - I_{xz}(\psi \sin \varphi + \vartheta \cos \varphi)}$$

here M_{wind} , M_{sy} , M_{wave} and M_{tank} are the moments due to wind, sway, waves and fluid in tanks respectively. The damping is

considered in M_d and the restoring moment in the term h_s , representing the restoring arm in the seaway according to the Grim's concept of the equivalent wave modified by Söding. I_{xx} and I_{xz} are the moments of inertia around the longitudinal axis and the product of inertia, respectively, calculated for the actual mass distribution, introduced for the yaw moment influence. As a result of the calculations, a polar plot produced by a computation can be represented for example in figure 2. The diagram is characterized by representative wave length (and period as well), different speed on each circle, different encounter angles and wave height (coloured). All calculations are carried out for short crested irregular seas. The limiting significant wave height which identifies a situation as dangerous derives either from the Blume criterion or from a maximum roll angle of 50 degrees, whichever is the less:

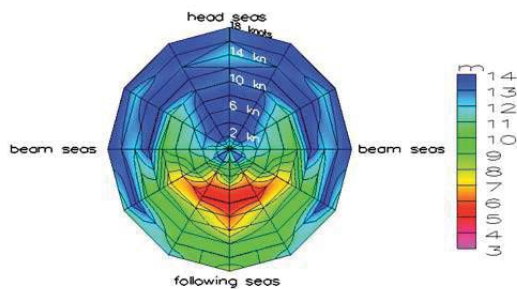


Figure 2: Polar Plot for a single significant wave period Each colour represents the limiting significant wave height.

To determine if the loading condition under analysis is safe or not, the direct assessment makes use of the ISEI concept. The Insufficient Stability Event Index, developed by Krueger and Kluwe, gives a failure index in terms of long term prediction:

$$ISEI = \int_{T_1=0}^{\infty} \int_{H_{1/3}}^{\infty} \int_{\mu=-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{v_s}^{v_{max}} p_{sea}(H_{1/3}, T_1) \cdot p_{dang}(H_{1/3}, T_1, \mu, v_s) \cdot dv_s \cdot d\mu \cdot dH_{1/3} \cdot dT_1$$

Here p_{sea} represents the environmental context by means of a two dimensional probability density function for a sea-state characterized by significant height $H_{1/3}$ and period T_1 , whereas p_{dang} denotes the probability that the stability condition under consideration is dangerous in the current seastate, using the two failure criteria mentioned before.

p_{sea} is taken from the North Atlantic Area according to the Global Seaway Statistics by Söding.

The limit between the safe and the unsafe situation is defined by the threshold value of the index $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$. Six wave periods are typically used for each calculation which should be arranged around the period representing a wave length corresponding to ship length.

4. APPLICATION CASES

For the investigation, four Ro-Pax of significantly different geometry are analysed. For each ship the main dimensions are shown below.

RoPax 1

Lpp [m]	171
B [m]	27
T [m]	6.6
V [kn]	23

Table 1: Main dimensions of RoPax1

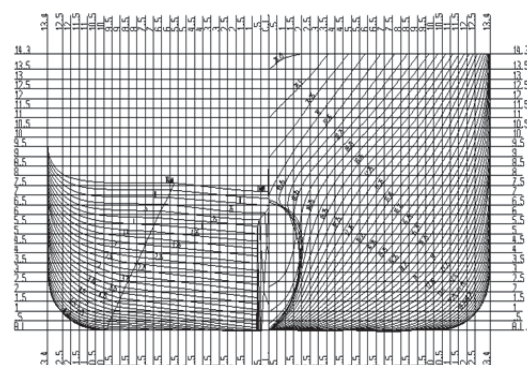


Figure 3: Body plan of the RoPax1



RoPax 2

Lpp [m]	186
B [m]	30
T [m]	7.8
V [kn]	25

Table 2: Main dimensions of RoPax2

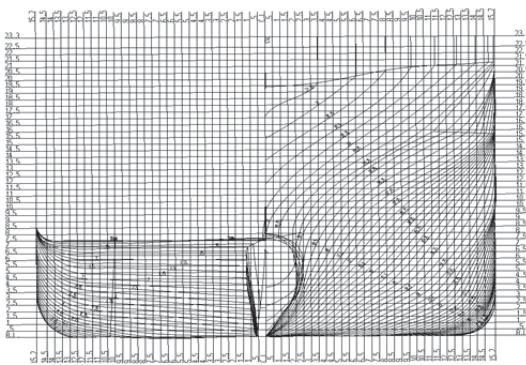


Figure 4: Bodyplan of the RoPax 2

RoPax 3

Lpp [m]	110
B [m]	15
T [m]	6
V [kn]	25

Table 3: Main dimensions of RoPax3

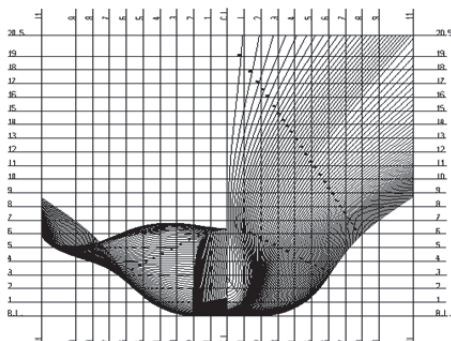


Figure 5: Body plan of the RoPax 3

RoPax 4

Lpp [m]	156
B [m]	19
T [m]	6.86
V [kn]	17
GM accident [m]	1.691

Table 4: Main dimensions of RoPax4

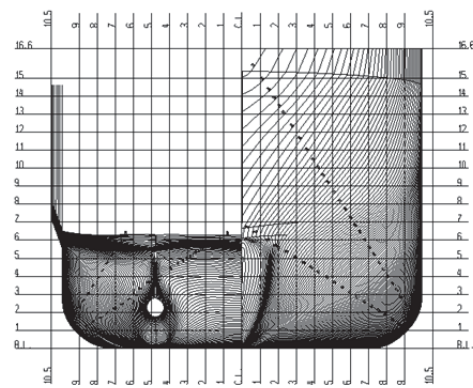


Figure 6: Bodyplan of RoPax4

This last Ropax4 ship has a geometry which has experienced a capsizing due to the dynamic phenomena studied by the new criteria. It has been analysed in order to check if the two levels of parametric roll and pure loss of stability recognize a stability problem at the loading condition of the accident.

5. CALCULATIONS AND RESULTS

General procedure

As mentioned before, three calculation phases are covered to obtain all the final results useful for the comparison purposes, aim of this paper:

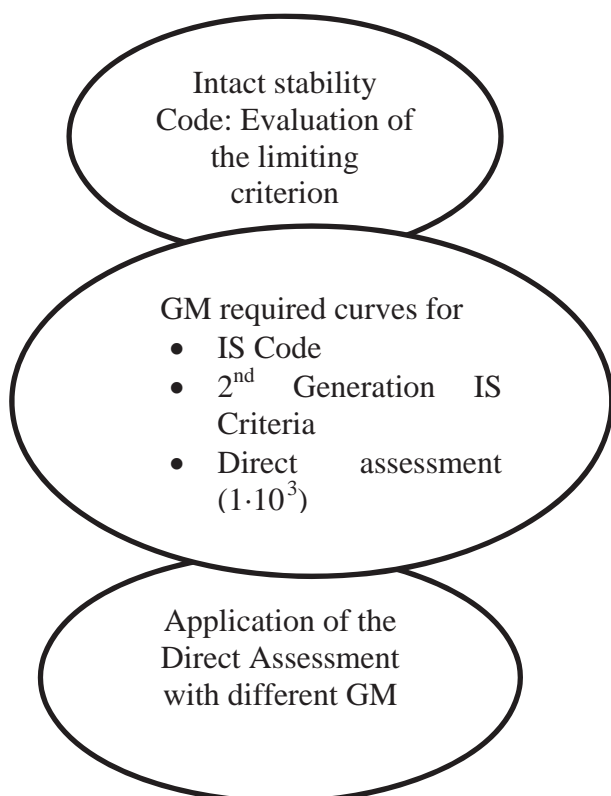


Figure 7: Procedure adopted

As a general comment, it is worth mentioning that usually the limiting GM for a RoRo passenger ferry, neglecting the damage condition, is represented by the weather criterion. With E4ROLLS this GMReq- value is compared with the results obtained by the ISEI concept. Beyond the level 1 of Parametric Roll and Pure Loss of Stability, very conservative, the level 2 is the one in charge to smoothly converge to the direct assessment GM requirements.

RoPax 1

As already mentioned, at first the limiting GM curve with reference to IS Code has been identified. At the design draft this ferry fulfils the weather criterion, with a GM of 0.8m. At this loading condition the direct assessment has been applied, showing an insufficient stability in following seas. This is evident from the polar plot representation and quantitatively by the ISEI value higher than the 10⁻³.

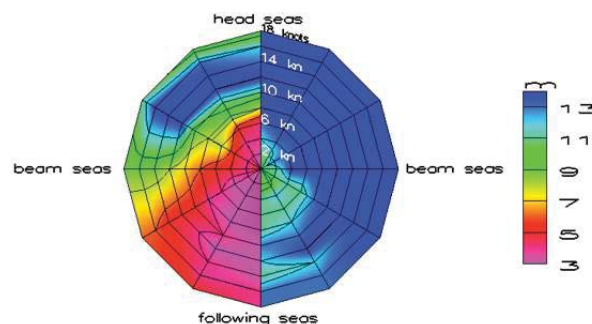


Figure 8 Two polar plots for limiting capsizing wave height for a wave length of 172m. Left: GM=0.8m Right: GM=1.9m

After few iterations, a value of ISEI of 1·10⁻³ is found at a GM of 1.9m, more than one meter increment compared to the present regulations. In figure 8 results are reported for calculations performed at both GM values (GM= 0.8 m left, GM= 1.9 m right). It can be observed that the ship faces already several problems in following seas with wave heights of 3m for the GM required by the weather criterion (0.8m). From a direct assessment, there isn't any sharp boundary between a parametric roll and a pure loss of stability failure; each dangerous situation is often a combination of both. The GMReq curves read as follows:

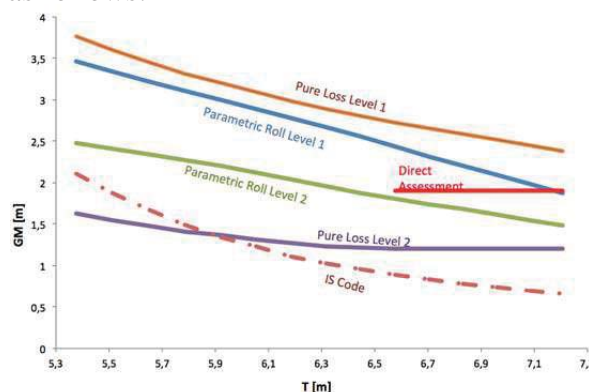


Figure 9 : GM_{Req} curves for the RoPax 1

In figure 9, results derived by the direct assessment are represented by straight horizontal line, as an extrapolation of the calculation carried out at draft 6.6 m and GM= 1.9 m. The second levels of parametric roll and pure loss of stability criteria seem to work properly in the range of the GM limiting values,

between the IS Code and the Direct Assessment curves. For the design draft of 6.6m, the first level requires a GM up to three meters, not so high considering the conservative approach of these two criteria. For the second level it is evident that the limiting criterion is the one relevant to the parametric roll, in this case very close to the direct assessment requirements.

RoPax 2

The second Ro-Pax, larger in size than the first one, requires a GM of 1.1m at the design draft in accordance with the weather criterion. Applying the direct assessment, E4ROLLS shows again more the need of more than one meter increment between the IS Code requirement and the GM corresponding to the ISEI of 1-10-3. The results with the two different GM values are reported in figure 10.

Curve trends in figure 11 for RoPax2 represent nearly the same behaviour of RoPax1. It is possible again to identify the conservative nature of levels 1 criteria and, as far as level 2 is concerned, the strong difference in terms of GM requirements between pure loss and parametric roll criteria.

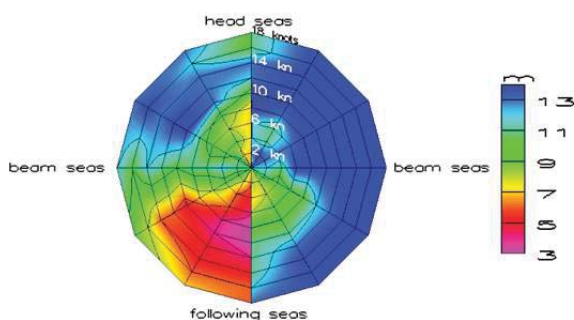


Figure 10: Two polar plots for limiting capsizing wave height for a wave length of 172m. Left: GM=1.1m Right: GM=2.179m

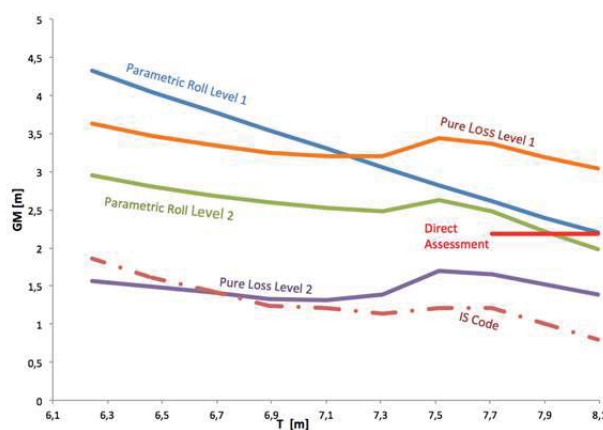


Figure 11: GM req curves for the RoPax 2

RoPax 3

This high speed ferry was designed to meet the ISEI- standard. The limiting GM resulting from the IS Code therefore corresponds more or less to the one computed by the direct assessment i.e. 3.2m. The second level assessments requires values identifying even lower curves. On the other hand, the first levels are extremely conservative, leading to 5-7 m of required GM. Compared to the other two examples, it can be observed an inversion of the level 2 between parametric roll and pure loss of stability; the last one for high drafts requires more stability. As the righting lever curve of this particular ship strongly deviates from the linear representation by GM (fig 12), the example clearly shows that the proposed criteria have problems to cope with such kind of ships.

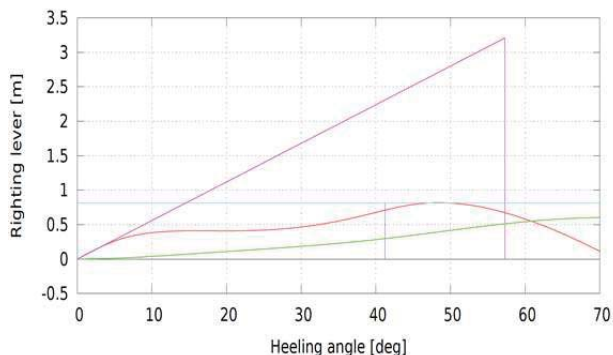


Figure 12: GZ curve for RoPax3

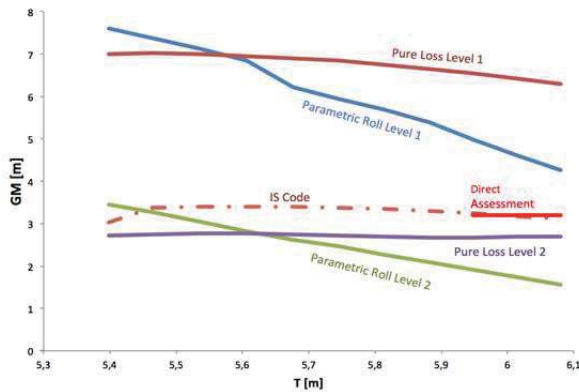


Figure 13: GM required curves for the RoPax 3
RoPax 4

As introduced before, for this ferry the conditions of the accident have been reproduced in the direct assessment computational tool, in order to analyse if the 2nd generation criteria could have prevented that situation. The ship was sailing at a draft of 6.86m with a GM of 1.691m; the direct assessment has been already applied by Kluwe and Krueger resulting in a required metacentric height of 1.89m to fulfil the usual ISEI of 10-3. Considering only the level 2, it is evident for a range of realistic drafts, that criteria show GM results differing (in positive and negative gap) of nearly 0.2 from the IS Code requirements. Actually, a not negligible detail is to be mentioned, i.e. the ship was sailing with a threshold GM value (exactly on the IS Code curve). At the same time, it appears how the criterion for the second level-parametric roll for that draft requires a lower GM value in comparison with the one at the time of the accident (fig.14).

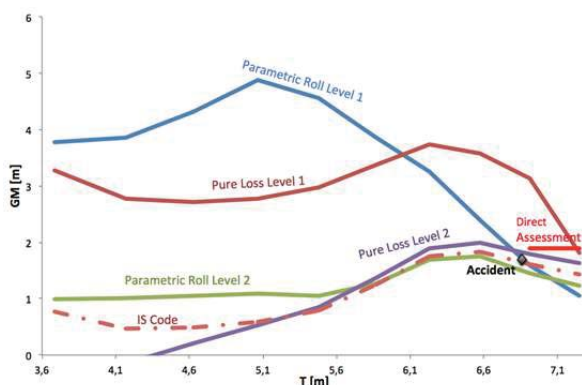


Figure 14: GM required curves for the RoPax 4

Further Cases

So far only problems related to minimum stability requirements have been addressed. It is well known anyway, that an excessive stability can produce problems as well, resulting in excessive accelerations. In figures 11-13-14-15, the level 1 criteria point out a possible problem of this kind, with GM required up sometimes to 7 or 8 meters. Therefore to conclude this investigation, three Container ships are analysed. All these three examples have experienced problems of excessive acceleration as a consequence of sailing with high GM in ballast condition. In the following, the computed curves for the new criteria are presented.

Container 1

This ship was sailing with 8.1 m of draft with a GM of 7.712 m. The limiting criterion for low drafts in this case is the maximum GZ arm position at 25°. The condition of the accident lies in the middle of parametric roll and pure loss limiting curves derived from level 1, leaving space for discussion about the excessive stability requirements (fig. 15).

Container 2

For this ship the accident occurred at a draft of 5.59m and a GM of 4.52m. From the curves, it appears that the accident condition is moderately above any present and future rules (fig.16).

Container 3

The ship experienced the accident at a draft of 5.72m and a GM of 5.67. In this example the accident condition is well above the level 1 criteria for both parametric roll and pure loss of stability (fig. 17).

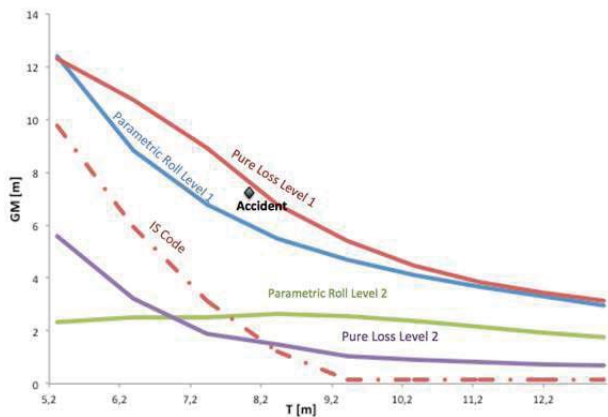


Figure 15: GM required curves for the Container 1

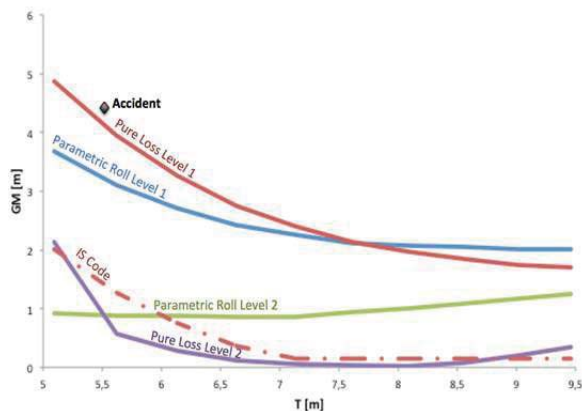


Figure 16: GM required curves for the Container 2

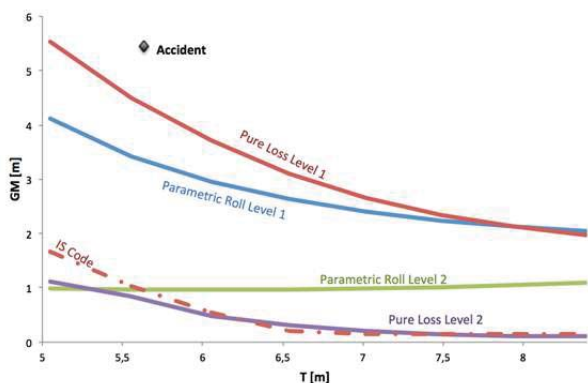


Figure 17: GM required curves for the Container 3

4. CONCLUSIONS

The second generation intact stability criteria, as at present proposed in draft by IMO,

have been applied to a selected set of ships for the specific stability failure modes of parametric roll and loss of stability in waves.

In particular the interest has been focused on the Ro-Ro passenger ship typology and four vessels have been investigated.

Nevertheless, some other special cases have been analysed as well, for the discussion of possible shortcomings due to excessive accelerations. With this purpose, the attention has shifted to the field of containers ships referring to three ships that suffered serious incident.

For the above mentioned ships, comprehensive calculations have been carried out, starting from the present Intact Stability Code requirements, addressing the two lower vulnerability levels up to the direct assessment approach. For this final level, a specified tool is not described by the IMO draft rules text and, for the purpose of this paper, a computational tool available at Hamburg University of Technology has been applied.

Results shows a rather satisfactory consistency among the different assessment levels that has been ascertained by means of the minimum GM curves for a range of drafts.

However, criteria show some difficulties to cope with ships where the righting lever curve strongly deviates from the linear representation by the initial GM. This is a consequence of the approach the criteria are based on. This deficiency clearly points out the necessity for establishing a direct assessment.

An important issue is represented by the high level of GM required in some occasions to comply with the second generation intact stability criteria: From the analysis of the accidents reports it appears how in any case this has not prevented the ship to suffer stability failures in waves, with the further negative implication of high accelerations. This



finding also points out the necessity for Hamburg,
establishing a direct assessment.

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A Study on Applicability of CFD Approach for Predicting Ship Parametric Rolling

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ABSTRACT

New criteria for Parametric Rolling (PR) are considered in the development of 2nd generation intact stability criterion, by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). As it is well known, estimation methods of the roll damping affect the prediction of parametric rolling significantly, and most estimation approaches for roll damping are based on experiment data or Ikeda's empirical formula. When the new criteria are applied in the design stage of ship, the accuracy of estimation approach for roll damping will be a key aspect of the validity of prediction. In this research, a hybrid method is proposed that 3D CFD approach is utilized to calculate the roll damping, while potential theory method is adopted for predicting parametric rolling motion. Furthermore, direct simulation is also investigated for PR of containership based on CFD approach. Comparative study is carried out for these two methods and potential method whose roll damping is estimated by simplified Ikeda's method and experimental data. According to the results, the CFD approach could achieve satisfactory agreements with the experiment for both roll damping and roll amplitude of PR. Therefore, CFD approach may be suitable to be utilized for PR analysis especially at the early design stage when lack of experiment data.

Keywords: *Parametric rolling; Roll damping; CFD;*

1. INTRODUCTION

Due to the lack of experiment data in the initial design stage, the roll damping is usually obtained by semi-empirical method such as simplified Ikeda's method, so the prediction of PR will be doubtful, because the roll damping has not yet been determined. Considering the significant effect of roll damping on parametric rolling, the estimation method of roll damping needs further investigation.

Fully nonlinear CFD approach could be a good choice for this purpose, and it is preferable to directly obtain the roll damping by CFD approach for numerical prediction model of PR. In this study, a hybrid method is developed based on 3D CFD approach and potential method. The parametric rolling is simulated and validated for containership C11. Good agreement has been achieved. Furthermore, numerical study also has been

carried out to investigate the applicability of direct CFD prediction for parametric rolling.

2. HYBRID METHOD FOR PREDICTING PARAMETRIC ROLLING

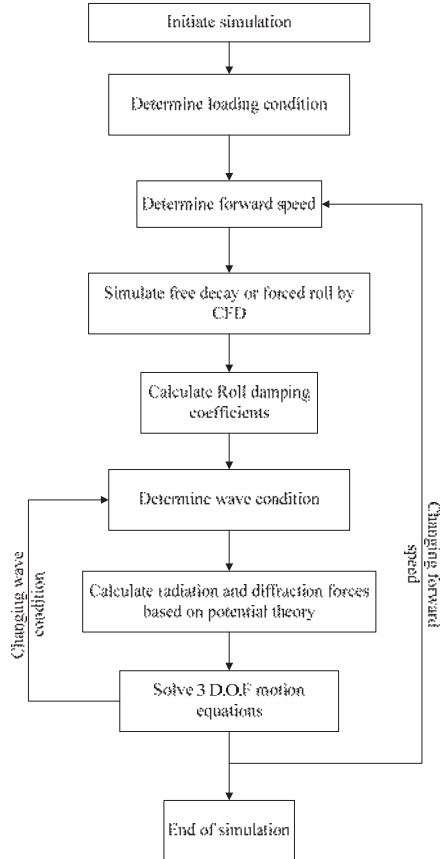


Figure 1 Conceptual scheme of hybrid method for assessment

The hybrid method is developed based on non-linear 3D CFD approach and 3D potential method. CFD approach is utilized for calculation of roll damping and potential method is adopted for calculation of radiation and diffraction forces. The method follows process shown in Figure 1.

2.1 Numerical models

The hybrid method adopts a 3 D.O.F weakly nonlinear model (roll, heave and pitch) for the simulation of ship motion. Such kind of models that considering the time delay effect

and nonlinearity of Froude-Krylov forces has been successfully applied for the simulation of parametric rolling (Turan, 2008, Chang, 2008.). Motion equations are shown in Eqn (1) (Zhou, 2010).

$$\begin{aligned}
 (M + \mu_{33})\ddot{\eta}_3 + \int_0^t K_{33}(t-\tau)\dot{\eta}_3 d\tau + \mu_{35}\ddot{\eta}_5 \\
 + b_{35}\dot{\eta}_5 + \int_0^t K_{35}(t-\tau)\dot{\eta}_5 d\tau = F_3^{IS} + F_3^D - Mg \\
 (I_{xx} + \mu_{44})\ddot{\eta}_4 + \int_0^t K_{44}(t-\tau)\dot{\eta}_4 d\tau \\
 = F_4^{IS} + F_4^D + F_4^V \\
 (I_{yy} + \mu_{55})\ddot{\eta}_5 + \int_0^t K_{55}(t-\tau)\dot{\eta}_5 d\tau + c_{55}\eta_5 \\
 + \mu_{53}\ddot{\eta}_3 + b_{53}\dot{\eta}_3 + \int_0^t K_{53}(t-\tau)\dot{\eta}_3 d\tau = F_5^{IS} + F_5^D
 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Where F^{IS} is the composition force of Froude-Krylov force and restore force which are calculated based 3D pressure integration method for the instantaneous wetted hull; diffraction forces F^D are predicted by 3D frequency domain potential method; radiation forces are calculated based on impulse response theory in the motion equation to considering the memory effect (as shown in Eqn (2)).

$$K_{jk}(\tau) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty (B_{jk}(w_e) - b_{jk}) \cos w_e \tau dw_e \quad (2)$$

Where $B_{jk}(\omega_e)$ is wave making damping that calculated by frequency domain potential theory method. μ_{jk} is added mass or moment of inertia, which is calculated for mean wetted surface by solving boundary problem.

F_4^V is moment due to roll damping, and is simplified as shown in Eqn (3).

$$F_4^V = -(A \cdot \dot{\eta}_4 + C \cdot \dot{\eta}_4^3) \quad (3)$$

Where A and C are roll damping coefficients that calculated by CFD approach.

The Roll damping coefficients are calculated based on motion or moment data of numerical simulations for free decay or forced roll of scaled model. The simulation is carried out by 3D RANSE solver ISIS-CFD (Deng, 2010). This flow solver uses the incompressible unsteady Reynolds-averaged

Navier Stokes equations (RANSE), which is based on the finite volume method to build the spatial discretization of the transport equations. The face-based method is generalized to three-dimensional unstructured meshes for which non-overlapping control volumes are bounded by an arbitrary number of constitutive faces. The flow solver deals with multi-phase flows and moving grids.

2.2 Validation and Discussions

The well-known Container ship C11 (Lu, 2011) is utilized for numerical simulation to validate the hybrid method.

2.2.1 Estimation of roll damping by CFD simulation

First, four ship models of different types are utilized for validating numerical simulation method, including S175, 3100TEU container ship, Warship and Concept Trimaran. S175 is a public experimental model, without bilge keel or rudder. 3100TEU is commercial ship that still in service, with bilge keels and rudder installed in the model. The experiments of these container ships are conducted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Warship is a model of combatant published by RINA (RINA, 1980), and installed with bilge keels, rudders and stabilizer fins. The Concept Trimaran is a Concept ship for research purposes that developed by Harbin Engineering University (Zhou, 2010). Table 1 shows the principal dimensions of the four models. Figure 2 shows the model of 3100TEU.

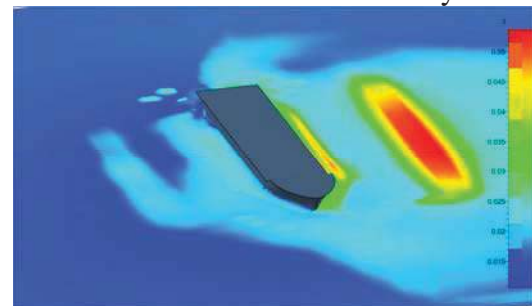


Figure 2 the model of 3100TEU container ship

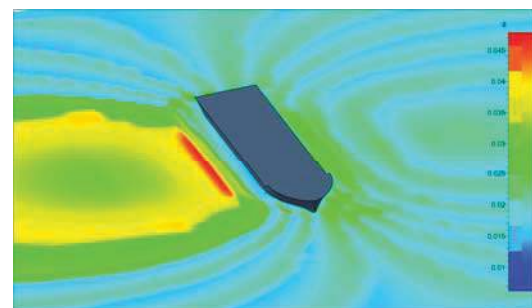
Table.1 Principal Dimensions

		S175	3100TEU	Warship
Length L_{pp}	(m)	3.034	3.120	6.000
Breadth B	(m)	0.440	0.469	0.654
Draft T	(m)	0.165	0.173	0.204
GM	(m)	0.017	0.013	0.028
Trimaran				
Length L_{WL} (main hull)	(m)	3.120		
Breadth B_{WL} (main hull)	(m)	0.240		
Draft T (main hull)	(m)	0.116		
GM	(m)	0.140		

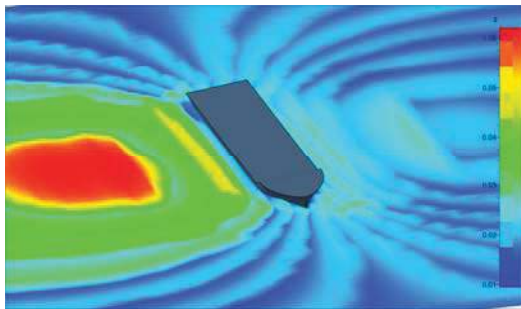
All of the predictions are procured on 0.79~1.2M grid. Figure 3 shows the free surface around 3100TEU model in free decay test simulation. The generation and propagation of wave trough and crest in wide area due to radiation could be observed obviously.



(a) T=8.1s



(b) T=8.7s

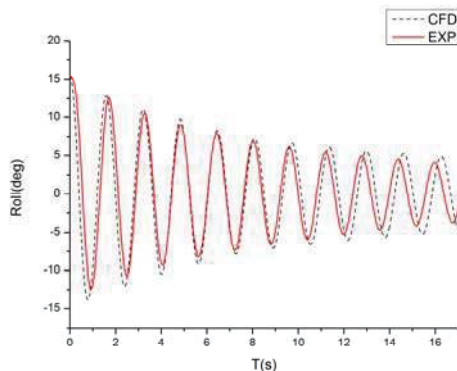


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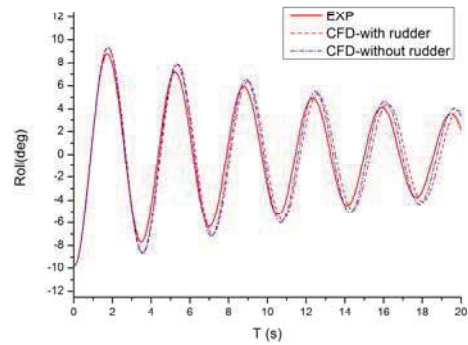
Figure 3 Free surface height around 3100TEU model

Figure 4 shows the roll decay curves of S175 and 3100TEU, including the comparisons between the experimental data and simulations. Figure 5 shows the CFD simulation results of Warship and Trimaran.

As shown in Figure 4 and Table 2(a), good accuracy could be achieved for the natural roll period. Moreover, with the increase in the number of rolling cycles, errors of the time history due to cumulative error are inevitable. By fitting the extinction curve, it could be found that, the CFD method is able to ensure the simulation of roll damping to achieve a satisfactory accuracy, even if there are certain errors for the amplitude and phase of roll. The comparisons of B_{44} and 2μ show that (Table 2(b)), the CFD method proposed by this study could achieve good agreement for the simulation of free decay in calm water at zero velocity, and the errors are acceptable.

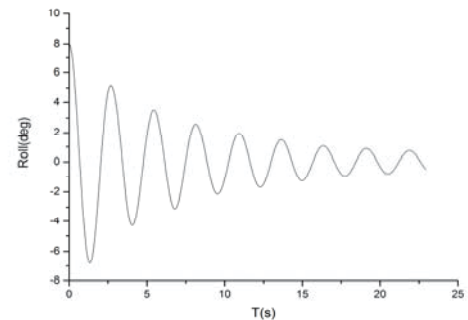


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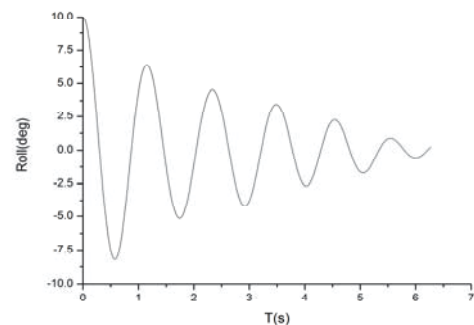


(b) 3100TEU

Figure 4 The time histories of free rolling of S175 and 3100TEU ($F_n=0$)



(a) Warship



(b) Trimaran

Figure 5 the time histories of free rolling of Warship and Trimaran ($F_n=0$)

Table 2 (a) The natural roll periods T_{roll}

		CFD (s)	EXP (s)
S175		1.635	1.600
3100TEU	with rudder	3.610	3.600
	no rudder	3.570	
Warship		2.735	2.66

Trimaran	1.108	1.100
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Table 2 (b) The extinction/damping coefficients

	\hat{B}_{44} (0~15deg) / 2μ	CFD	EXP
S175	\hat{B}_{44}	4.34E-4~3.59E-3	4.86E-4~4.25E-3
3100TEU	\hat{B}_{44} (with rudder)	2.03E-3~8.13E-3	2.27E-3~7.32E-3
	\hat{B}_{44} (no rudder)	2.05E-3~6.10E-3	
Warship	2μ	0.0878	0.094
Trimaran	2μ	0.117	0.123

For the estimation of roll damping for C11, the scale of CFD simulation is taken as the same scale of model test. All of the predictions are procured on 1.44M grid (as shown in Figure 6).

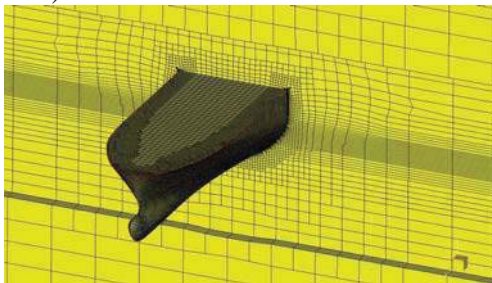


Figure 6 Meshes of typical section of C11

For blind simulation of parametric rolling, the initial heel angle or forced roll amplitude is difficult to determine for estimation of roll damping. Therefore, these two values are taken as 20 degrees for both CFD simulations. Figure 7 and Figure 8 show the simulations of forced roll and free decay at $F_n=0.0, 0.05$ and 0.1 . Then roll damping coefficients A and C are estimated for further parametric rolling prediction.

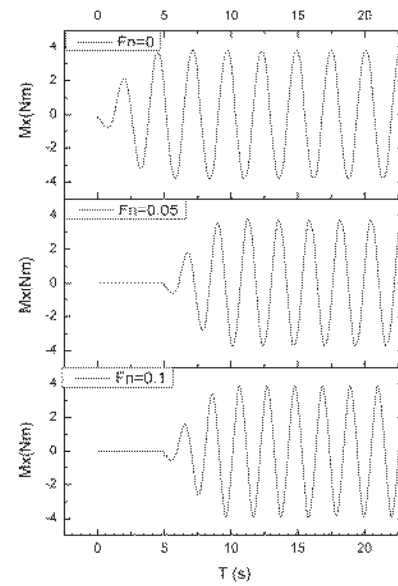


Figure 7 Time history of roll moment for forced roll simulation of C11

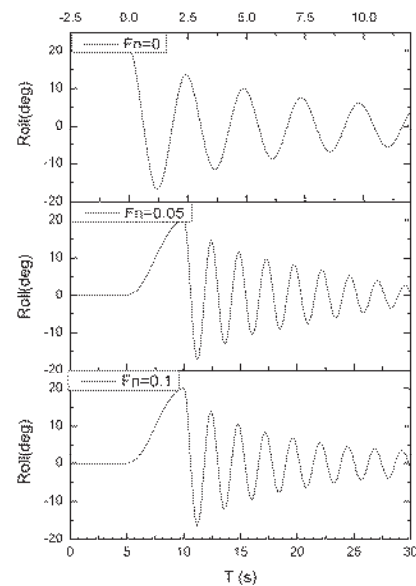


Figure 8 Time history of free decay simulation of C11

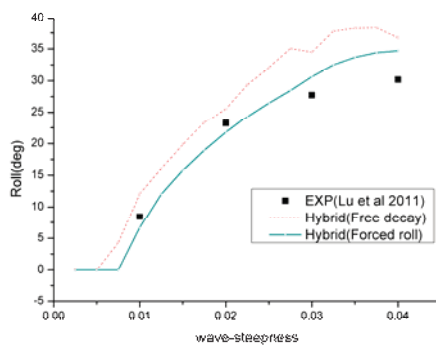
Table 3 The damping coefficients of C11 (full scale)

	F_n	A	C
Free decay	0.0	3.68E+08	5.59E+10
	0.05	2.82E+08	4.28E+10

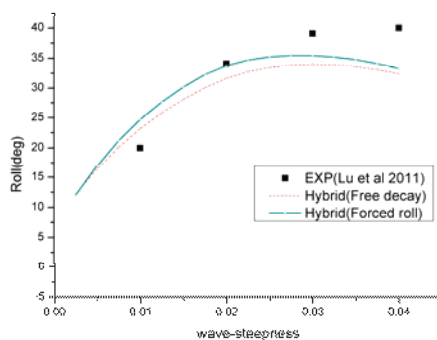
	0.1	2.53E+08	8.25E+10
	0.0	6.22E+08	6.92E+10
Forced roll	0.05	3.18E+08	2.99E+10
	0.1	2.60E+08	3.63E+10

2.2.2 Validation and analysis of parametric rolling results

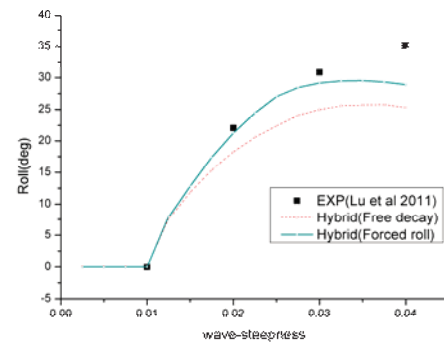
Figure 9 shows the predictions of parametric rolling for C11 by hybrid method. Two options of estimating roll damping coefficients were compared with experiment data. According to prediction results, the hybrid method (with forced roll damping) could successfully predict parametric roll for different speeds and wave-steepness. For cases those amplitudes around and less than 27~33 degrees could achieve satisfactory accuracy.



a) $F_n=0.0$



b) $F_n=0.05$



c) $F_n=0.1$

Figure 9 Roll amplitudes prediction for PR

The initial heel angle or forced roll amplitude plays an important role on obtaining the roll damping characteristic such as equivalent damping coefficients (Hashimoto, 2010). In this study, the initial heel angle and forced roll amplitude are both taken as 20 degrees for estimation of roll damping coefficients. Thus, the agreement is not good for cases with large amplitudes. Therefore, how to determine the initial heel angle or forced roll amplitude for blind simulation of PR by hybrid method still needs further study in the future. These values could be taken as 20 degrees temporarily to be consistent with IMO's Level 2 criteria.

According to the president results of C11, it is appropriate to adopt the hybrid method (forced roll), and this method could bring great advantage in the initial design stage especially in the lack of experiment data for a new design.

3. STUDY ON APPLICABILITY OF DIRECT CFD METHOD FOR PREDICTING PARAMETRIC ROLLING

In order to improve the forecasting precision of PR for optimal design, in theory the best way is to carry out good simulation for encountered wave surface accounting the action of ship, highly nonlinear restoring forces and hydrodynamic forces, and large roll-heave-

pitch resonance. Different from traditional potential methods, fully nonlinear CFD approach could be a good choice for state of the art method for this purpose. Thus, it is also necessary to carry out comparative study for hybrid method with “state of the art” methods such as 3D direct CFD approach.

The direct CFD prediction method utilizes the same RANS solver as in the estimation of roll damping. Most of parameter settings and mesh generation also follow the same principles. All of the predictions are procured on 2.77M grid. As shown in Figure 10, cylindrical computational domain is created with sliding grid for simulating near field flow of ship.

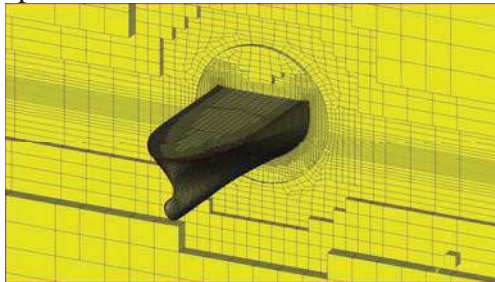
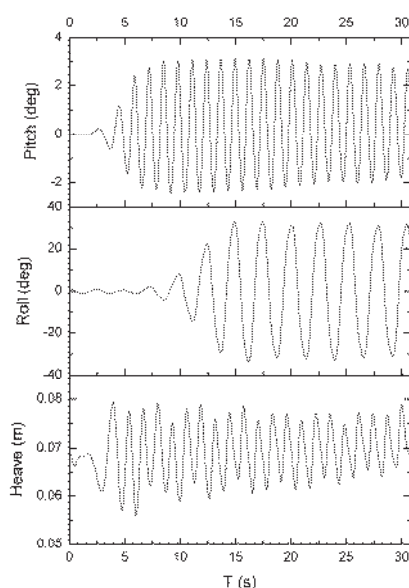
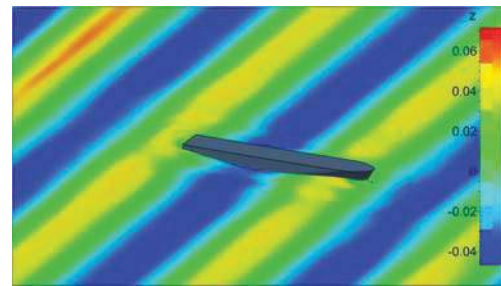


Figure 10 Refined meshes of typical section
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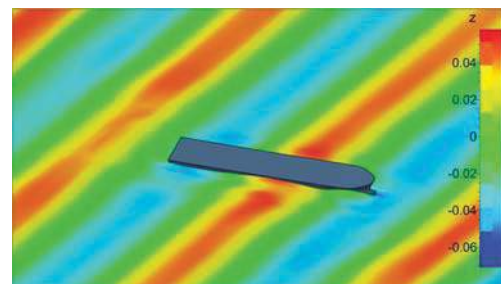
3 D.O.F motions (roll, pitch and heave) are free for simulation of PR. Sway and yaw are limited and neglected.



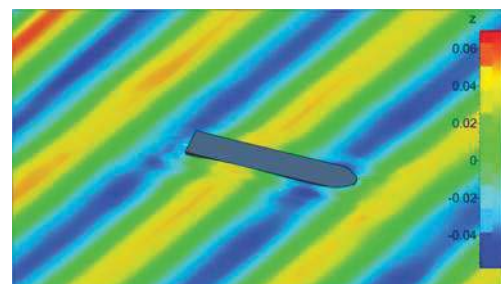
a) Time history of motion responses



b) Simulation of PR (t=16.704s)



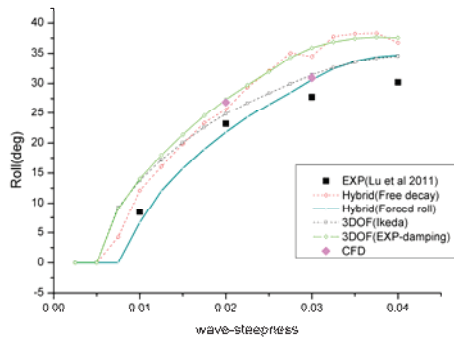
c) Simulation of PR (t=17.052s)



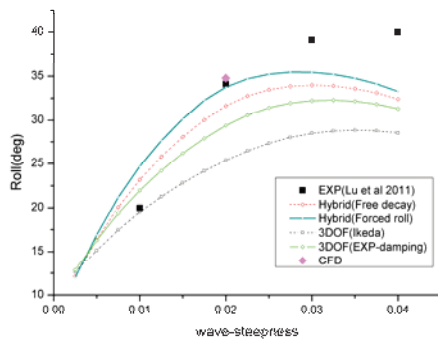
d) Simulation of PR (t=17.4s)

Figure 11 Simulations of Parametric Rolling
(Fn=0, wave-steepness 0.03)

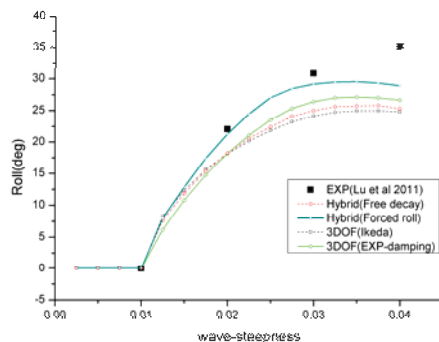
Figure 11 shows the time histories of motion responses and interactions between fluid field and ship at Fn=0. Figure 12 shows the comparisons of roll amplitudes predicted by different methods, including Hybrid method, direct CFD method and potential theory method whose roll damping is estimated by simplified Ikeda's method and experimental data (3 D.O.F(Ikeda) and 3 D.O.F(EXP-damping)).



a) $F_n=0.0$



b) $F_n=0.05$



c) $F_n=0.1$

Figure 12 Comparisons of roll amplitudes for
PR

In Figure 12, results show the influence of four estimating methods of roll damping on PR amplitudes. Roll amplitudes of hybrid method (Free decay) is very close to 3 D.O.F (EXP-damping), It indicates roll damping estimated by free decay based on CFD simulation achieved good accuracy for prediction of PR,

and can be a good option to replace free decay tests which are currently carried out in initial design stage.

On the whole, Hybrid method and direct CFD prediction method could achieve good accuracy for prediction of PR. These two methods are considered to be more appropriate as options for numerical models of direct stability assessment of PR.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The research results show that, the CFD approach has good applicability in simulating parametric rolling, and has positive significance for the development of direct stability assessment criteria of PR. Overall, hybrid method needs less computational resource, and is more suitable for engineering application comparing to direct CFD method. It is suggested to pay enough attentions to the application of CFD approach in the study and development of guideline of direct stability assessment criteria in the future.

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Estimation of Ship Roll Damping - a Comparison of the Decay and the Harmonic Excited Roll Motion Technique for a Post Panamax Container Ship

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ABSTRACT

The decay motion as well as the harmonic excited roll motion are established techniques to estimate roll damping for ships. This paper compares the advantages and disadvantages of both techniques and focuses on their applicability. Different analysis methods for both techniques to determine the nonlinear roll damping moment are investigated with the aim of developing an exact estimation approach without additional filtering, curve fitting and offset manipulation of the recorded time series. Damping coefficients of both techniques are compared for available experiments of the benchmarking post panamax container ship model Duisburg Test Case (DTC). Reasons for deviations are investigated, and the influence of an accurate estimation of the current nonlinear hydrostatic moment will be shown. In this context, the experimental estimation is more convenient than an additional calculation. A method for the determination of the nonlinear hydrostatic moment during a harmonic excited roll motion test is presented. Different approximations of roll damping based on series expansion are investigated. Disadvantages of a widely used approach are discussed based on the results.

Keywords: *roll damping, decay technique, harmonic excited roll motion technique*

1. INTRODUCTION

Boundary element methods (BEM) based on the potential theory can, in most cases, simulate ship motions with sufficient accuracy. They are accurate enough for many applications, and compared to finite volume methods (FVM), they are computationally efficient. Ship motions are mainly damped by the generation of surface waves which radiate from the ship. This is not valid for the roll motion. The roll motion is influenced by additional damping effects which cannot be predicted by BEMs. To consider these effects,

roll damping is often estimated separately. Hence different techniques exist. Common techniques are (I) the roll decay (see e.g. Spouge, 1988), (II) the harmonic excited roll motion (called HERM, see Sugai et al., 1963, Blume, 1979 and Handschel et al., 2014a) and (III) the harmonic forced roll motion (Bassler et al., 2010 and Handschel et al. 2014b), see also Figure 1. Techniques (I) and (II) estimate the roll damping moment from the roll angle recording. In technique (III) the roll moment is directly determined on a fixed predefined roll axis.

Applicability of the techniques: Table 1 shows a comparison of the properties of all three techniques. Only with the decay (I) and the harmonic excited roll motion technique (II) does the ship roll with a natural free motion axis. In fact, the fixed roll axis of technique (III) and the direct determination of the moment enable an easy validation process for numerical simulation methods (see also Handschel et al., 2014b), but the natural motion coupling of the degrees of freedom is suppressed. In this paper, technique (III) will not be further investigated.

Table 1 Advantages and disadvantages of techniques to estimate roll damping

* less/small *** high/large	(I)	(II)	(III)
Real motion coupling	yes	yes	no
Steady roll motion	no	possible	possible
Large roll amplitudes	*	***	***
Forward speed	*	***	***
Time and cost	*	**	***

In contrast to the harmonic excited roll motion technique (II), no roll damping for large roll amplitudes and forward velocities can be estimated by the decay technique (I). Large forward velocities are associated with large damping moments. The high roll damping

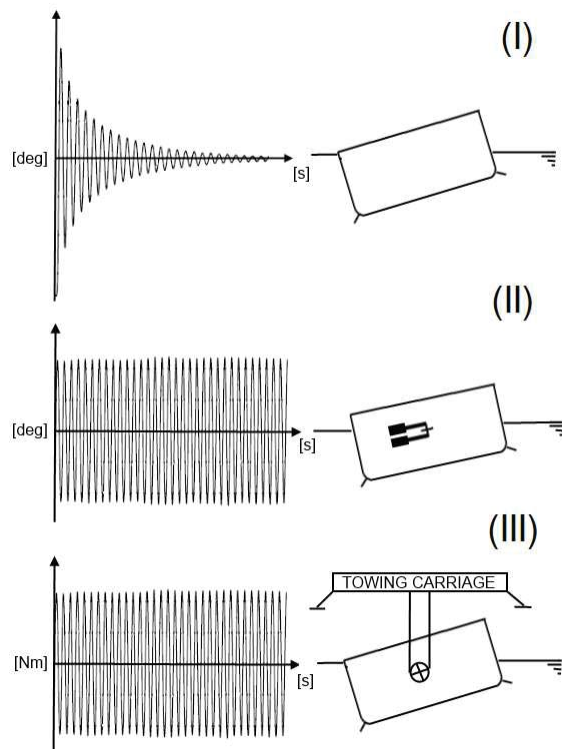


Figure 1 Techniques to estimate roll damping

prevents the realisation of sufficient numbers of roll periods with the decay technique, which are necessary to analyse roll damping with high accuracy. Nevertheless, the decay technique is a low cost technique and does not require much towing tank testing time.

Post panamax container ship: In the present paper model tests are included for the post panamax container ship Duisburg Test Case (DTC, Table 2, see el Moctar et al., 2012). The model is equipped with bilge keels, a propeller and a full spade rudder. The bilge keels are separated in five parts with a breadth of $0.008 B_{WL}$. Especially the huge bow flare area as well as the transom stern is typical for this type of ship. The model tests were carried out for DTC with a full scale length of $L_{WL} = 361m$ in full loading condition at Hamburg ship model basin (HSVA, Schumacher, 2010). A scale factor of 59.467 is applied.

Table 2 Main dimensions Duisburg Test Case (DTC) for full loading and ballast condition – scale factor 1:59.467

	full loading	ballast
L_{WL}	6.0691 m	5.9391 m
B_{WL}	0.8576 m	0.8576 m
D	0.2354 m	0.2018 m
KG	0.3992 m	0.235 m
C_R	0.6544	0.6288
∇	0.7887 m ³	0.6496 m ³
i_{xx}	$0.3967 B_{WL}$	$0.3801 B_{WL}$
i_{yy}, i_{zz}	$0.2447 L_{WL}$	$0.2713 L_{WL}$

The paper presents results for both measurement techniques (I) and (II). Three different analysis methods based on a one degree of freedom, namely the roll motion equation, are investigated. The focus is set on identifying a method which determines roll damping without additional filtering¹ and curve fitting. The analysis methods should also work with typical measurement offsets which could be observed in the available roll angle

¹ It is assumed that the prior filtering of the signals with a measurement amplifier is weak.

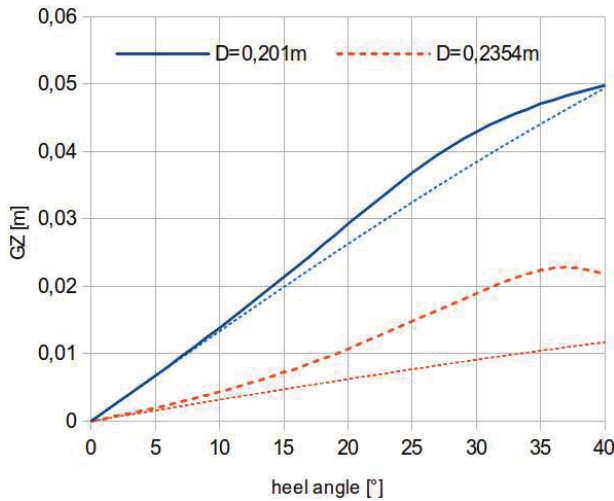


Figure 2 GZ curve DTC: full loading (red) and ballast condition (blue) / dotted line: linearization of hydrostatic moment

measurements. Furthermore, it will be shown that a comparison of the results for both techniques depends on an exact determination of the hydrostatic moment. For the application in ship motion simulations, damping coefficients are usually formulated as a linear, quadratic or as a cubic function of the roll velocity. The applicability of these approximations will be discussed. It will be shown that each approach can lead to certain deviations.

2. ROLL MOTION OF SHIPS

2.1 Equation of Roll Motion

Considering one degree of freedom, the roll equation can be formulated based on Newton's second law. The coefficients of the inertia moment of the ship M_φ , damping moment N_φ , restoring moment S_φ and the external moment F_φ are usually formulated with a balance between the rigid body moments and external moments:

$$M_\varphi \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} + N_\varphi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + S_\varphi \varphi = F_\varphi(t). \quad (1)$$

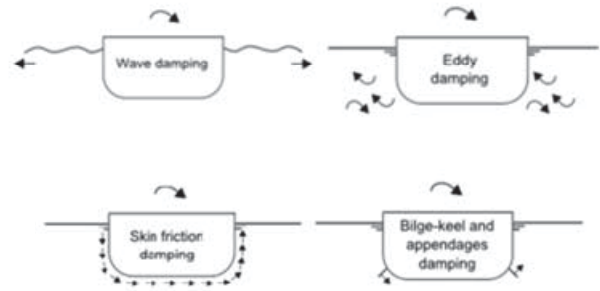


Figure 3 Separation of roll damping phenomena

The $GZ(\varphi_{heel})$ -curve, the change of the lever arm over the heel angle, characterises the hydrostatic moment

$$S_\varphi(\varphi) = \frac{g \Delta GZ(\varphi)}{\varphi}. \quad (2)$$

It can be determined by static or dynamic measurements (see Section 4). Figure 2 includes the $GZ(\varphi_{heel})$ -curves for both load cases.

The undamped natural frequency of the ship can be described by the ratio of the hydrostatic and inertia moment coefficients:

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{S_\varphi}{M_\varphi}}. \quad (3)$$

From this equation, the total inertia, the sum of the ship inertia and the virtual inertia due to the acceleration of the fluid, can be determined exactly at the undamped natural frequency by

$$M_\varphi = \frac{g \Delta GZ(\varphi)}{\omega_0^2 \varphi}. \quad (4)$$

2.2 Roll Damping

The roll damping moment N_φ is generated by wave radiation, vortex generation and the lift and friction on the hull (see Himeno, 1981 and

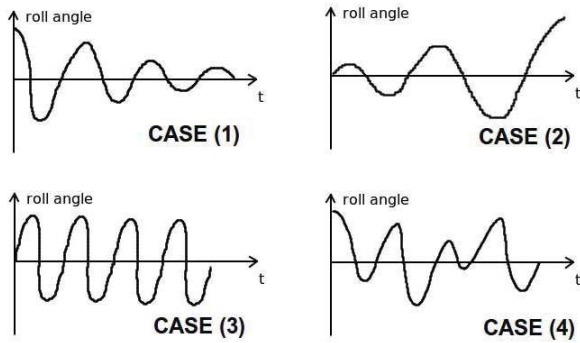


Figure 4 Rolling of ships in irregular waves

Figure 3²). In addition, ship appendages can have a noticeable effect on roll damping.

For the consideration of the total roll damping, additional damping terms are embedded in BEM simulation methods. These were usually estimated by the decay (I) or harmonic excited roll motion (HERM, II) technique via experiments or numerical simulations (see Sarkar, 2000, Salui, 2004, Rös, 2009, el Mactar et al., 2010, Gao et al., 2010, Handschel et al., 2012a).

Using an energy approach over one period,

$$E_E = 4 \int_0^{\varphi_a} N_{\varphi} \dot{\varphi} d\varphi = \pi N_{\varphi} \omega \varphi_a^2, \quad (5)$$

the damping moment can be expressed as an equivalent damping coefficient N_{φ} which depends on the roll frequency ω and the roll amplitude assuming harmonic behaviour $\varphi = \varphi_a \sin(\omega t)$. The equivalent non-

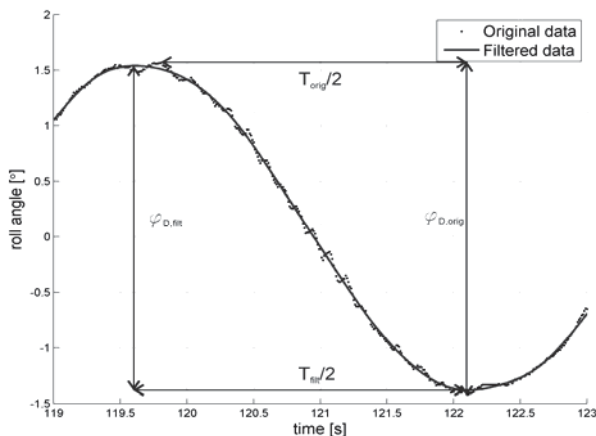


Figure 5 Comparison unfiltered and filtered signal

dimensional roll damping coefficient B_{φ} is formulated according to the ITTC as

$$B_{\varphi}(\varphi_a) = \frac{N_{\varphi}(\varphi_a)}{\rho \nabla B_{WL}^2} \sqrt{\frac{B_{WL}}{2g}}. \quad (6)$$

2.3 Roll Motion in Irregular Waves

The rolling of ships in irregular waves can be divided in four scenarios, see Figure 4: a roll motion with (1) a decreasing roll amplitude, (2) an increasing roll amplitude, (3) a constant roll amplitude and (4) an alternation of increasing and decreasing amplitudes. The variation of the roll amplitude depends mainly on the wave period and wave height.

A problem of the discussed techniques is that each of them considers only one of four scenarios. The decay motion (I) corresponds to the first case, HERMs (II) to case (3).

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3.1 Roll Decay Motion

Roll decay measurements are straight forward and can be easily realised. The ship is excited once and decayed to the rest position. The measured time series of the roll angle are analysed to estimate roll damping. Carried out in towing tanks, they are less expensive than other techniques.

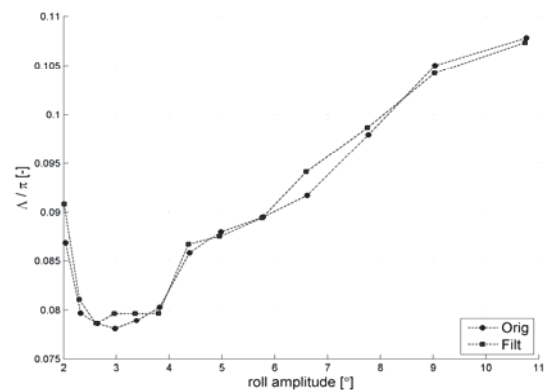


Figure 6 Comparison unfiltered and filtered results for logarithmic decrement – full loading condition, $F_n=0.10$

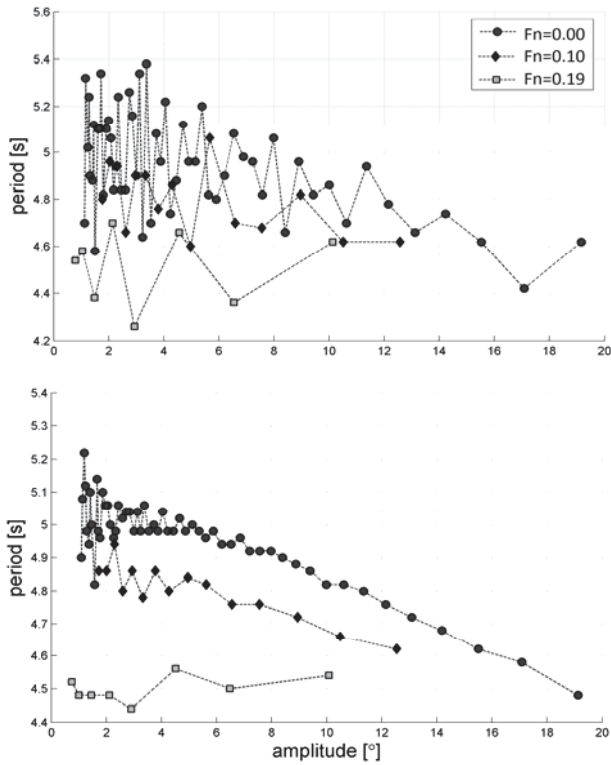


Figure 7 Comparison unfiltered (upper diagram) and filtered resonance roll period for full loading condition

Three methods (A, B and C) are investigated for the (D)ecay technique. Methods based on the logarithmic roll decrement (D.A) and energy conservation (D.B and D.C) are analysed. The roll motion occurs in the damped natural frequency

$$\omega_D = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{N_{\phi e}}{2\omega_0 M_{\phi}} \right)^2} \quad (7)$$

which is evaluated for every half period. The influence of low-pass filtering is investigated. The measurement window in Figure 5 shows an example of the filter application. The influence of noise on determining double amplitudes ϕ_D is not significant for the presented results, see Figure 6. Improvements can mainly be observed for determining the roll period $T = 2\pi / \omega_D$ from peak to peak (Figure 7).

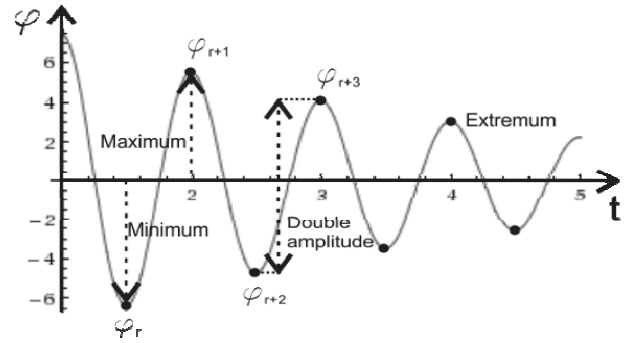


Figure 8 Decay test

Method (D.A): Four variations of the logarithmic decrement method

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{j} \ln \frac{|\phi(t)|}{|\phi(t + j \frac{2\pi}{\omega})|} \quad (8)$$

are tested: with all extrema, only maxima or minima as well as double amplitudes, see Figure 8. Only the application of double amplitudes compensates for possible measurement offsets. The damping coefficient is defined as

$$N_{\phi e}(\phi_a) = \frac{M_{\phi} \omega_D(\phi_a)}{\pi} \ln \left(\frac{|\phi_r - \phi_{r+1}|}{|\phi_{r+2} - \phi_{r+3}|} \right) \quad (9)$$

for

$$\phi_a = \left(\frac{|\phi_r - \phi_{r+1}| + |\phi_{r+2} - \phi_{r+3}|}{4} \right). \quad (10)$$

Method (D.B): The ‘Froude’-energy method (see Spouge, 1988) is based on the energy conservation of the dissipated energy E_E and the – hydrostatic – potential energy $E_{D.B}$ in the roll maximum ($\dot{\phi} = 0$):

$$E_{D.B} = g\Delta \int_{\phi_D}^{\phi_{D+1}} GZ(\phi) d\phi. \quad (11)$$

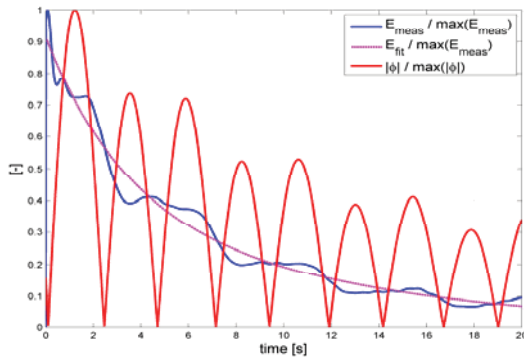


Figure 9 Curve fit (dotted, pink) of energy function (blue), Eq. (13) – full loading condition, $F_n=0.10$

Instead of using only extrema, it is more useful to formulate the method for double amplitudes φ_D to compensate for possible measurement offsets. Both energy formulations are equated ($E_E = E_{D,B}$), which results to

$$N_\varphi(\varphi_a) = \frac{E_{D,B}}{\pi \omega_D \varphi_a^2}. \quad (12)$$

Method (D.C): This method (see Roberts, 1985 and Spouge, 1988) is also based on energy conservation, but for the sum of potential and kinetic energy. Instead of using an integral term as method (D.B), Roberts recommends a differential term to estimate the energy loss rate $dE_{D,C}/dt$. The energy equation is given by:

$$E_{D,C}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \omega_D^2 \varphi^2. \quad (13)$$

In contrast to Spouge, 1988, who fitted the function $E_{D,C}$ by a cubic spline curve, in this investigation exponential functions are used, see Figure 9. The roll damping follows to

$$N_\varphi(\varphi_a) = -M_\varphi \left(\frac{dE_{D,C}}{dt} \right) / E_{D,C}. \quad (14)$$

Applicability of method (A), (B) and (C): The methods presented can be used in the resonance frequency ω_D and for ships with linear or nonlinear righting arm curves. Table 3

shows an overview of advantages and disadvantages of each analysis method in the case of a decay motion. The focus was set on three points: (i) if a filtering of the roll angle time series is required, (ii) if a curve fitting is necessary for the analysis method and (iii) if a measurement offset of the roll angle leads to deviations of the results. The information given in Table 3 has been verified in a comparative study for an analytical decay function in the Appendix, Figure 17.

Unfortunately, with all methods, the time series have to be filtered³ to achieve satisfied results. Double amplitudes compensate for deviations due to measurement offsets in methods (D.A) and (D.B). Method (D.C) is able to estimate roll damping for larger amplitudes based on a curve fitting of the energy. It has to be mentioned that an approximation by curve fitting is a compromise between exactness and the possibility to estimate roll damping over a wider range of roll amplitudes.

Table 3 Advantages and disadvantages of the presented analysis methods for technique (I)

	(D.A) ⁴	(D.B)	(D.C)
Filter required	yes	yes	yes
Curve fit required	no	no	yes
Sensitive to measurement offset	weak	weak	yes
# of peaks at start for which no result of N_φ can be estimated	2	2	0

3.2 Harmonic Excited Roll Motion

The (H)armonic roll motion corresponds to the third scenario (constant amplitude) of the roll motion in irregular waves, see Figure 4. The motion is excited by two contrary rotating weights (Blume, 1979) or by flying wheels

³ Butterworth lowpass filter 8th-order with cutoff frequency $\omega_C = 5\omega_D$.

⁴ Logarithmic roll decrement method with double amplitudes.

(Sugai et al., 1963). Three different analysis methods are known which are independent from the roll resonance frequency. Details can be found in Handschel et al., 2014a.

The methods are all based on energy conservation over one roll period, see Eq. (5). The maximum roll amplitude, the peak, occurs at the frequency (see also Spouge, 1988)

$$\omega_p = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N_{\varphi_e}}{\omega_0 M_\varphi} \right)^2} \quad (15)$$

for harmonic motion with sinusoidal excitation.

Method (H.A): The roll angle

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_a \sin(\omega t + \mathcal{G}) \quad (16)$$

is *phase-shifted* by \mathcal{G} with respect to the initiated roll moment, see Figure 10,

$$F_\varphi(t) = F_{\varphi,a} \sin(\omega t). \quad (17)$$

The work done by the exciting moment in one roll period is

$$E_{H.A} = \int_0^T F_\varphi \dot{\varphi} dt = F_{\varphi,a} \varphi_a \pi \sin \mathcal{G}. \quad (18)$$

The dissipated damping energy and the work done by the exciting moment over one roll period should be the same. With the relation $E_E = E_{H.A}$ the equivalent roll damping can be calculated by:

$$N_\varphi(\varphi_a) = \frac{F_{\varphi,a} \sin \mathcal{G}}{\omega \varphi_a}. \quad (19)$$

Method (H.B): The roll moment and roll angle span a closed trajectory in phase-space, a Lissajous curve (Figure 10). The area inside the

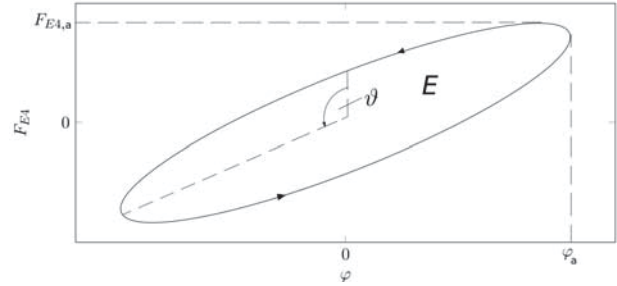


Figure 10 phase plot of the roll moment (here F_{E4}) and the excited roll angle, Lissajous curve trajectory is the energy which dissipates over a roll period

$$E_{H.B} = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{\omega}}^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} F_\varphi d\varphi \quad (20)$$

$$N_\varphi(\varphi_a) = \frac{E_B}{\pi \omega \varphi_a^2}. \quad (21)$$

Method (H.C): The analysis with the Fourier transform is based on the condition that only the damping moment is phase-shifted by 90° to the roll angle. A Fourier polynomial approximates the roll moment:

$$F_\varphi(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} C_{A,k} \\ C_{B,k} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sin(k\omega t) \\ \cos(k\omega t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (22)$$

which will be inserted in Equation (20).

$$E_{H.C} = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{\omega}}^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} C_{A,k} \\ C_{B,k} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sin(k\omega t) \\ \cos(k\omega t) \end{pmatrix} d\varphi \quad (23)$$

$$E_{H.C} = \pi \varphi_a C_{B,1} \Rightarrow N_\varphi(\varphi_a) = \frac{C_{B,1}}{\omega \varphi_a} \quad (24)$$

Applicability of method (A), (B) and (C): The methods presented can be used for all frequencies ω and for ships with linear or nonlinear curves of righting arm. Table 4 shows an overview of advantages and disadvantages of each analysis method in the



case of a harmonic roll motion with constant roll amplitude. As an example a comparison of the non-dimensional damping coefficient for an

Table 4 Advantages and disadvantages of the presented analysis methods for technique (II)

	(H.A)	(H.B)	(H.C)
Filter required/used	no	no	no
Curve fit required	no	no	no
Sensitive to Measurement offset	weak	weak	weak
Sensitive to $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow n\pi (n \in \mathbb{Z})$	yes	no	no

analytical test case is given in Table 5 of the Appendix. It can be summarised that all three methods are very robust. A low-pass filter was not used for the presented case. Correct results can be obtained by method (H.A) for $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow n\pi (n \in \mathbb{Z})$ when high sampling rate can be achieved. If the signal is overlapped by a strong background noise or has a low sampling rate, method (H.C) is recommended due to the robustness of the Fourier transform approach.

3.3 Comparison of both techniques

For a comparison of both techniques

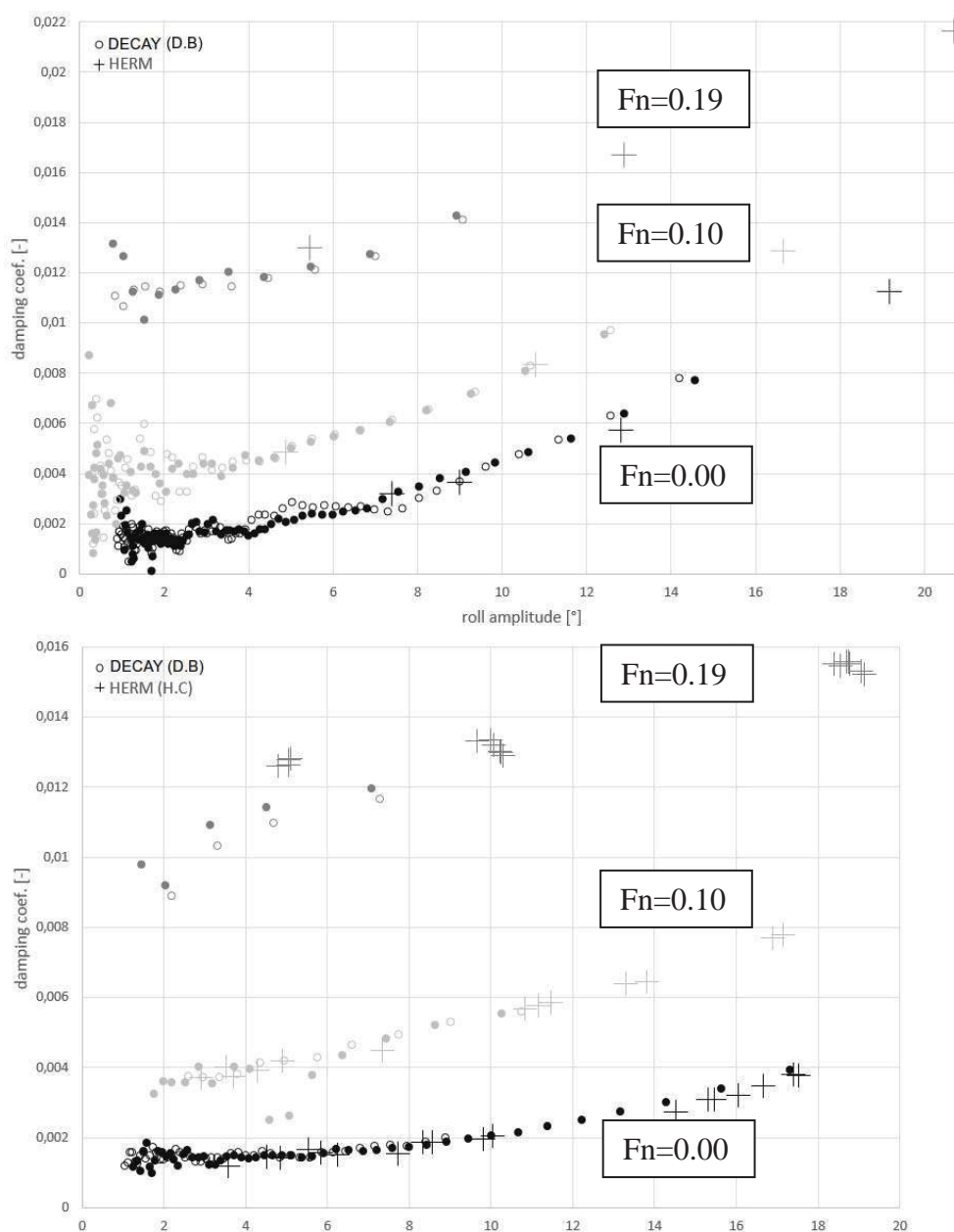


Figure 11 and 12 Comparison of data points with technique I (D.B) and technique II (H.C) for ballast (upper figure) and full loading condition (lower figure) - Fn=0.00 (black), Fn=0.10 (light grey), Fn=0.19 (grey)

methods (D.B) and (H.C) are selected. The decay measurement results have partially an offset. For this reason method (D.C) cannot be applied. To compare both experimental results, the non-dimensional formulation B_{ϕ} (see Eq. 6) is chosen. Compared to technique (II) where the moment is forced and known, a moment for technique (I) must be calculated. Therefore, besides the time series of the roll angle, the estimation of the roll inertia or roll hydrostatic moment is necessary to calculate the damping moment. In the present roll resonance frequency ω_D , the inertia and hydrostatic moment are equal. Because of the complexity in estimating the roll inertia moment, it is recommended to estimate the hydrostatic moment. Method (D.B) is based on this recommendation. The results for ballast and full loading conditions at Froude numbers 0.00, 0.10 and 0.19 are presented in Figures 11 and 12.

Deviations between both techniques (I) and (II) are mainly based on the different approaches to estimate damping and their realisation or uncertainties of the model tests and analysis errors.

- Deviations can be based on the different approaches. Technique (I) is similar to scenario case (1), technique (II) similar to case (3). These deviations cannot be prevented and are physically-based.
- Technique (II) is carried out with a steering rudder which holds the model on course in the narrow towing tank. Unfortunately, the influence of the rudder was not investigated. It should be expected that the rudder has an influence on the roll motion.
- To estimate roll damping by the decay technique (I), the righting arm curve has to be determined with high accuracy. To prevent deviations due to uncertainties of additional model tests or computations, it is recommended to determine the hydrostatic moment

based on the existing decay or HERM measurements. Different aspects can influence the GZ-values compared to computational estimated values, e.g. the manufacturing accuracy of the model as well as the correct model setup due to large scale factors. Unfortunately, an effective approach to estimate the hydrostatic roll moment based on HERM model tests was developed after carrying out the tests with the DTC, see Section 4. For this reason, GZ-values can be evaluated for only a few roll amplitudes, see Figure 14.

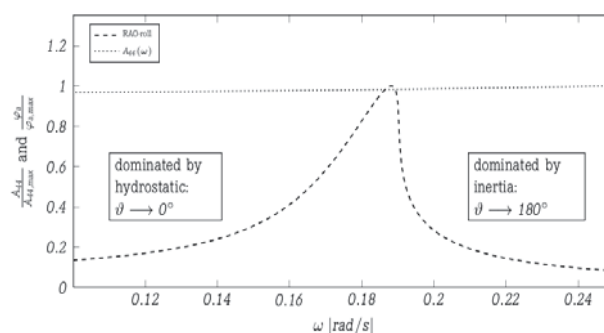


Figure 13 Sample Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) for the roll motion and virtual added inertia

4. DYNAMIC ESTIMATION OF HYDROSTATIC ROLL MOMENT

Two experimental techniques can be applied to estimate the lever arm GZ:

- A *static* technique – inclining tests with different weights and distances.
- A *dynamic* technique using HERM measurements.

Nearly all roll amplitudes occur twice: once in the frequency range dominated by the hydrostatic moment (ω_1) and once in the frequency range dominated by the inertia moment (ω_2), see Fig. 13 and Handschel et al., 2014a.

If the virtual added inertias of both frequencies are equated, this results to

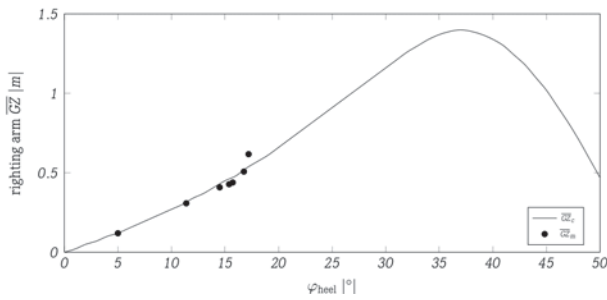


Figure 14 Estimation of the righting arms based on measurement results and calculated GZ-values (full scale)

$$\overline{GZ}(\varphi_a) = \frac{\omega_1^2 X - c_\alpha \omega_2^2 F_{\varphi,a} \cos \vartheta_1}{g\Delta(\omega_1^2 - c_\alpha \omega_2^2)} \quad (25)$$

with

$$X = F_{\varphi,a} \cos \vartheta_2 - (c_\alpha - 1)\varphi_a \omega_2^2 i_{xx}^2 \Delta \quad (26)$$

and $c_\alpha = A_{\varphi,2} / A_{\varphi,1}$ the ratio of both virtual added inertia. If the virtual added inertia is equal for both frequencies, Equation (25) simplifies to

$$\overline{GZ}(\varphi_a) = \frac{\omega_1^2 F_{\varphi,a} \cos \vartheta_2 - \omega_2^2 F_{\varphi,a} \cos \vartheta_1}{g\Delta(\omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2)}. \quad (27)$$

Figure 14 shows the differences between calculated GZ-values and measured values. Differences are up to 7% in the present case, see Handschel et al., 2014a.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ESTIMATED DAMPING MOMENTS IN SHIP MOTION SIMULATIONS

5.1 Frequency Domain

Although results of both techniques look similar, the estimation with the HERM (II) technique is recommended. In frequency

domain, the roll motion is also simulated as a steady-state harmonic motion, scenario case (3), see Figure 4.

5.2 Time Domain – Series Expansion

Regardless of which technique is selected to estimate roll damping, usually a polynomial expansion of the roll velocity with linear, quadratic or cubic terms is used to approximate roll damping over various roll amplitudes (Spouge, 1988 and 26th ITTC, 2011).

$$N_\varphi \dot{\varphi} = N_{\varphi 1} \dot{\varphi} + N_{\varphi 2} \dot{\varphi}^2 + N_{\varphi 3} \dot{\varphi}^3 \quad (28)$$

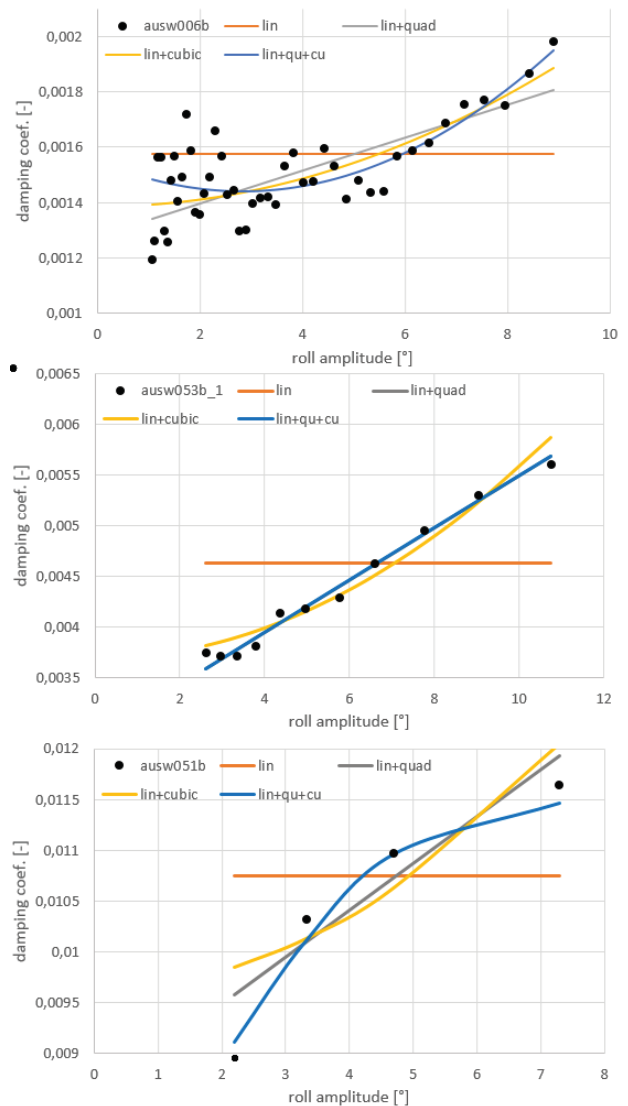


Figure 16 Different polynomials for data points of decay measurements with $F_n=0.00$ (upper), 0.10 and 0.19 (lowest)

A widely used approach is that different combinations of order of the polynomial expansions are included directly in the analysis methods (D) and (H), see Figure 15 - upper chart.

As an example, results for the full loading condition of the container ship DTC are fitted to a

- *linear*:
$$N_{\varphi} \dot{\varphi} = N_{\varphi_0} \dot{\varphi},$$
- *linear+quadratic*:
$$N_{\varphi} \dot{\varphi} = N_{\varphi_1} \dot{\varphi} + N_{\varphi_2} \dot{\varphi} |\dot{\varphi}|,$$
- *linear+cubic*:
$$N_{\varphi} \dot{\varphi} = N_{\varphi_1} \dot{\varphi} + N_{\varphi_3} \dot{\varphi}^3$$
- and *linear+quadratic+cubic*:
$$N_{\varphi} \dot{\varphi} = N_{\varphi_1} \dot{\varphi} + N_{\varphi_2} \dot{\varphi} |\dot{\varphi}| + N_{\varphi_3} \dot{\varphi}^3$$

function, see Figure 16. It can be clearly seen for the investigated ship that for each Froude number a different polynomial fits more suitable to the estimated equivalent damping coefficients (data points). For the smallest Froude number $Fn=0.00$, a linear+cubic polynomial seems to be the best choice. The damping results for a Froude number of 0.10 can be fitted with a linear+quadratic approach, whereas the largest Froude number 0.19 needs at least a linear+quadratic+cubic polynomial for the estimated data points. The selection of the right polynomial is different for every case and cannot be generalized at least for the presented model. Furthermore, extrapolations should be omitted.

It is recommended to select an approximation by series expansion or interpolation after the analysis of the time series, see Figure 15 – lower chart. A control plot helps to identify mismatches. Data points can be summarised and averaged before an approximation. This also leads to discrete

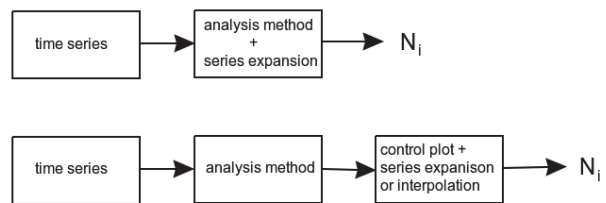


Figure 15 Flow chart of roll damping estimation from time series – general procedure (upper picture), recommended procedure (lower)

distances between data points for a correct approximation.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Different analysis methods for the decay (I) and harmonic excited roll motion (HERM, II) techniques are compared. The focus is set on the accurate estimation of roll damping without additional low-pass filtering and curve fitting. Recommended analysis methods are identified regarding the sensitivity of measurement offsets. These methods are:

- for the *decay technique*: method (D.B), based on the determination of the potential energy in the roll maximum ($\dot{\varphi} = 0$)
- and for the *HERM technique*: method (H.C), based on the determination of the first Fourier coefficient in phase with the roll velocity.

All analysis methods consider non-linear GZ curves of the ship geometry. For a comparison of the damping results for both techniques, a correct estimation of the hydrostatic moment is needed. Therefore, a possibility of using the dynamic test results to estimate the GZ curve during HERM measurements is presented.

Series expansions are often used for time domain simulations to approximate equivalent damping results. The form of series expansion should not be generalized over all Froude numbers, at least for the presented test case.



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9. APPENDIX

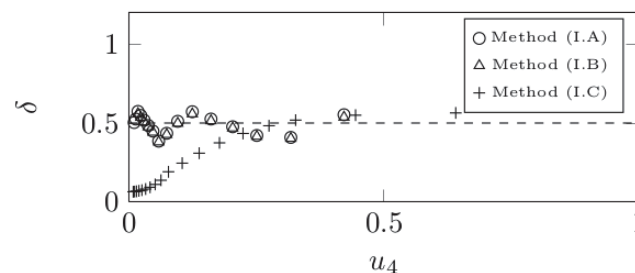
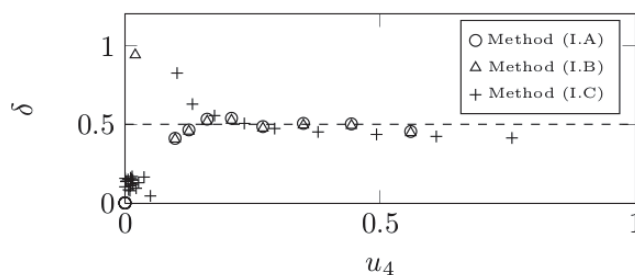
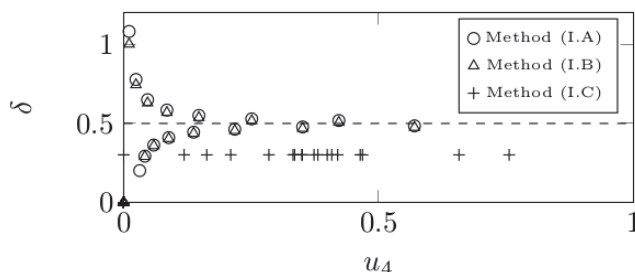
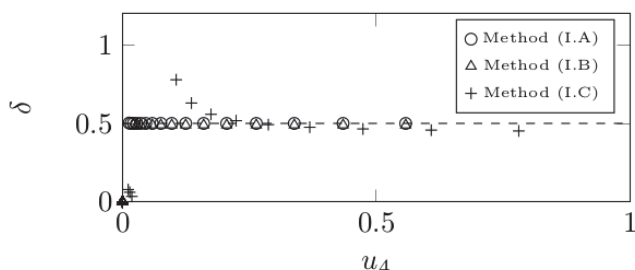
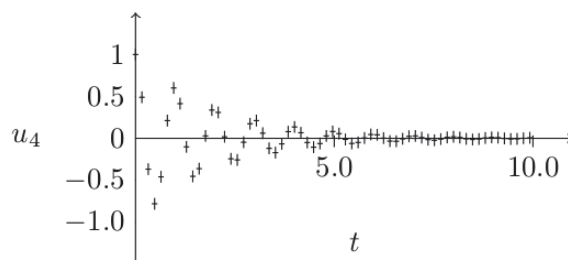
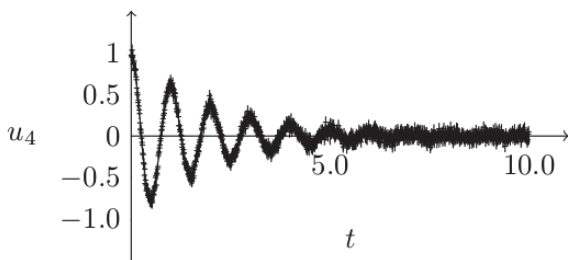
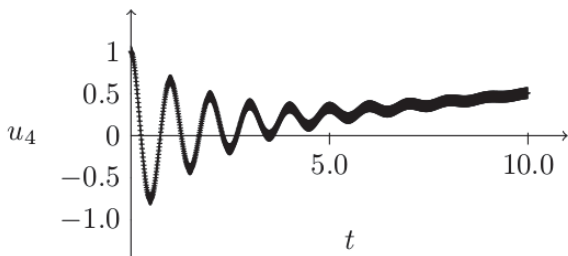
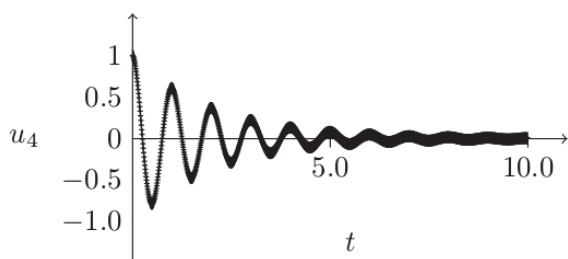




Figure 17 Comparison of methods (D.A), (D.B) and (D.C) – D is labelled as I in the legends, left column: signal, right column: damping value, dotted line: target damping value – an undisturbed signal (first picture), signal with white Gaussian noise (second), signal with a large offset (third) and a signal with a lower sampling rate (fourth)

Table 5 Comparison of methods (H.A), (H.B) and (H.C) – target damping value is 0.5 – for an undisturbed signal, signal with white Gaussian noise, signal with a large offset and a signal with a lower sampling rate

	(H.A)	(H.B)	(H.C)
Undisturbed signal	0.49820	0.50076	0.50103
White Gaussian noise	0.59482	0.49009	0.49160
Large offset	0.52570	0.50076	0.50127
Lower sampling rate	0.32717	0.46653	0.48473



Assessing the Stability of Ships under the Effect of Realistic Wave Groups

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ABSTRACT

Ship propensity for stability failure in random beam seas is addressed. A novel method based on the systematic construction of realistic wave groups is proposed. Derived waveforms are sequences of varying heights and periods with high probability of occurrence. To demonstrate the approach, stability analysis is performed on a modern container vessel using an uncoupled equation of roll motion. The effects of height and period variations on the system's transient response and on the integrity of its safe basin are discussed against the context of a "regular sea" investigation.

Keywords: *irregular seas, wave groups, transient capsizing, safe basin erosion, integrity curves, Karhunen-Loève theorem*

1. INTRODUCTION

The study of large amplitude ship motions in a stochastic sea is one of the most challenging computational tasks in naval architecture. On the one hand, advanced methods of nonlinear dynamics are indispensable for yielding insights into the mechanisms of capsizing. At the same time, however, such methods have not been so practical for providing estimates of capsizing tendency, especially when employing computationally expensive numerical techniques. This is compounded by the fact that, for quantitative accuracy in dynamic stability predictions, detailed hydrodynamic modelling is highly desirable. For rare phenomena like capsizing, the efficiency of long-time simulations on heavy models is disputed since most of the time is idly expended on simulating innocuous ship-wave encounters. This has motivated the development of a number of techniques for directly extracting those time intervals when hazardous wave episodes occur.

A relevant phenomenon, often observed in wind-generated seas, is wave grouping. Wave groups are sequences of high waves with periods varying within a potentially small range (Masson & Chandler, 1993, Ochi, 1998). Notably, the occurrence of dangerous wave group events, leading to motion augmentation, does not necessarily imply exceptionally high waves. Resonant phenomena, often "felt" in the first few cycles of wave group excitation, are crucial for the integrity of a marine system. The manifestation of ship instability under the effect of wave groups was the objective of three recent studies, reviewed, in brief, next.

Reaping the benefits coming from the separation of dynamics from randomness, the "critical wave groups" approach disassembles the problem in a deterministic and a probabilistic part (Themelis & Spyrou, 2007). In the former, critical combinations of heights, periods and run lengths, related to regular wave groups that incur unacceptably large dynamic



response, are identified. The critical, in terms of ship stability, waveforms represent basically thresholds, defined by regular wave trains. Statistical analysis of the seaway is included in the probabilistic part of the approach. The propensity for ship stability failure is quantified by calculating the probability of encountering any train higher than the determined critical threshold.

A statistical approach for the prediction of extreme parametric roll responses was presented in the study of Kim & Troesch (2013). The method is based on the assumption that the fluctuation of instantaneous GM is a Gaussian random process. The “Design Loads Generator” was employed to generate an ensemble of irregular wave groups, associated with the extreme value distribution of a surrogate process, representing time-varying metacentric height groups (Kim, 2012). The derived wave trains, realized as a lower bound of the “true” excitation, were, eventually, utilized as input to a high fidelity hydrodynamic system for simulating the actual nonlinear response of a C11 containership.

Malara et al. (2014) proposed an approach for the estimation of the maximum roll angle, induced by spectrum compatible wave group excitation. Representation of the load process in the vicinity of an exceptionally high wave was formulated within the context of the “Quasi-Determinism” theory (Boccotti, 2000). The approach is asymptotically valid in the limit of infinitely high waves and its use is possibly suitable for heights at least twice the significant wave height of the considered sea state (Boccotti, 2000).

In the following section, a new, spectrum compatible, method of wave group loads is proposed. The method expands upon Themelis & Spyrou (2007) on the one hand, by considering realistic wave group profiles; and on Malara et al. (2014) by removing the “extreme waves” assumption imposed by the theory of Quasi-Determinism. The objective is an in-depth investigation of the effects of short

duration irregular seaways on the transient response and engineering integrity of a modern container vessel.

2. MODELLING OF WAVE GROUP LOADS

9.1 Stochastic treatment of wave successions

The assumption of height sequences which fulfil the Markov property has been employed with remarkable success in a number of studies for the derivation of wave groupiness measures (Kimura, 1980, Battjes & van Vledder, 1984, Longuet-Higgins, 1984). On the other hand, the application of straightforward spectral techniques, targeting the statistical elaboration of wave period groupings, is full of inherent limitations.

Recently, an extended Markov-chain model, allowing for cross-correlations between successive heights and periods, was proposed (Anastopoulos et al., 2014). A computational method, based on envelope analysis in conjunction with the theory of copula distributions, produced explicit formulas for the transition probabilities of the process. The joint expectations of consecutive heights h_i and periods t_i were expressed by the following set of coupled equations:

$$\bar{h}_i = \int_0^{\infty} h_i f_{H_i|H_{i-1},T_{i-1}}(h_i|h_{i-1},t_{i-1}) dh_i \quad (1a)$$

$$\bar{t}_i = \int_0^{\infty} t_i f_{T_i|H_{i-1},T_{i-1}}(t_i|h_{i-1},t_{i-1}) dt_i \quad (1b)$$

where H and T are the height and period random variables at time step i , with state variables h and t , respectively. The “most expected” wave sequence can iteratively be constructed using equations (1a)-(1b). The whole waveform becomes explicitly dependent

on the wave occupying the centre of the group if the key characteristics of the highest wave are selected as initial conditions for the iteration process.

2.1 Estimating transition kernels via Monte Carlo simulations

Comprehensive description of the analysis associated with the theoretical estimation of the transition kernels, given by equations (1a) and (1b), can be found in Anastopoulos et al. (2014). In this study, a JONSWAP spectrum (Hasselmann et al., 1973), with peak period $T_p = 13.6$ s and significant wave height $H_s = 10$ m, was considered in order to simulate time series of water surface elevation. The main idea is to arrange the generated data in the following vector sets and proceed to regression analysis.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} h_i \\ h_{i-1} \\ t_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} t_i \\ h_{i-1} \\ t_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Then, the transition mechanisms can be expressed through a best-model-fit method. Figure 1 explains the concept of a “correlation surface”, which fits data of vector \mathbf{A} . In the same figure, the (h_i, t_i) plane corresponds to the total population of joint height-period realizations. The smoothened bivariate height and joint height-period distributions for successive waves are also provided.

2.2 The Karhunen-Loève representation

The Karhunen-Loève theorem is employed in order to construct continuous-time analogues of wave sequences, related to the predictions of the Markov-chain model described before (Karhunen, 1947, Loève, 1978). The main advantage of the specific approach over the traditional Fourier series representation is that it ensures the minimum total mean-square error resulting out of its truncation. In other words,

all the information provided by the auto-covariance function of the original process, can efficiently be integrated within the few waves of a group sequence. The theorem states that the water surface displacement η admits the following decomposition:

$$\eta(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n f_n(x, t), \quad -T < t < T \quad (3)$$

In the case of a Gaussian random process, the coefficients, a_n ($n = 0, 1, \dots$), are random independent variables. An efficient computational procedure for the basis functions f_n is described in Sclavounos (2012).

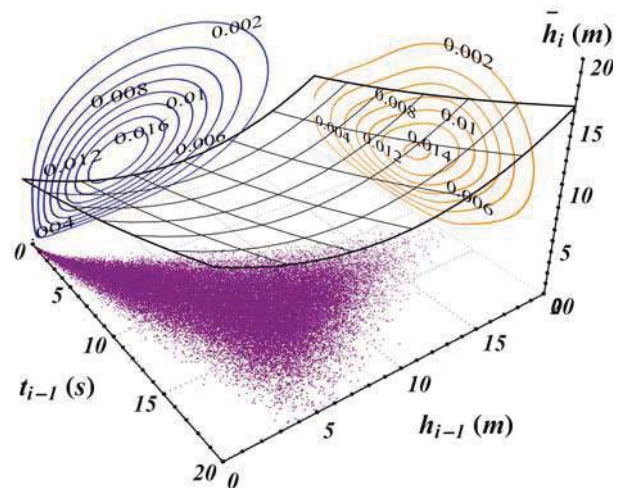


Figure 1: Correlation surface for the prediction of the “most expected” wave heights.

Spectrum compatible wave loads can directly be constructed if appropriate geometric constraints are imposed on equation (3). The key is to formulate a well-defined interpolation problem for the values of water surface displacement at time instants when crests, troughs and zero-crossings occur. To this end, the truncation of the series expansion (3) should be explicitly dependent on the number of waves j participating in the group formation. In this case, the space-time expansion of the original process η is reformulated as:

$$\eta(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{6j} a_n f_n(x, t), \quad -T < t < T \quad (4)$$

The Markov-chain/Karhunen-Loève (MC-KL) model was employed to generate the family of irregular wave groups, shown in Figure 2. The derived waveforms are comprised of $j = 5$ waves and correspond to the same central wave period T_c . The root-mean-square value (H_{rms}) of the simulated sea state heights was the assumed threshold that individual wave heights should exceed. As demonstrated, groups of different durations arise when changing the value of the central wave height H_c . Furthermore, the convergence rate of the approach is tested in Figure 3. The vertical axis denotes the absolute relative error with respect to the estimation of the spectral variance; and the horizontal axis, the corresponding number of stochastic components kept in equation (3). Considering a run length of $j = 5$ waves would result in a small truncation error of approximately 2%.

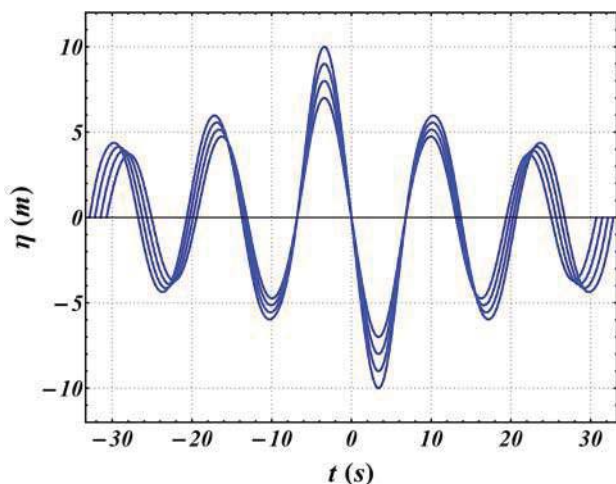


Figure 2: Wave groups of increasing $H_c = 14\text{m}$, 16m , 18m and 20m . $T_c = T_p$.

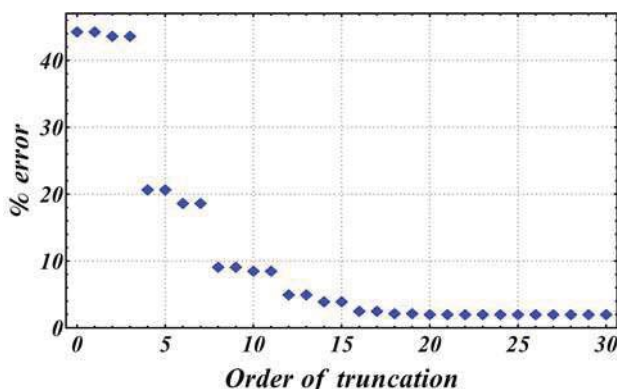


Figure 3: Error in spectral variance for various truncation orders.

2.3 Roll motion in long-crested irregular wave groups

A 4800 TEU panamax containership was selected for a preliminary application of the method. The main particulars and the considered loading condition are shown in Table 1. No information about the existence of bilge keels was provided; thus, the bare hull of the ship, shown in Figure 4, was only considered.

Table1: Ship main particulars

Displacement (Δ)	68199	Tons
Length between perpendiculars (L_{BP})	238.35	m
Breadth (B)	37.30	m
Draught (T)	11.52	m
Depth (D)	19.60	m
Service speed (V_s)	21	kn
Metacentric height (GM)	2.85	m
Natural period (T_0)	15.25	s

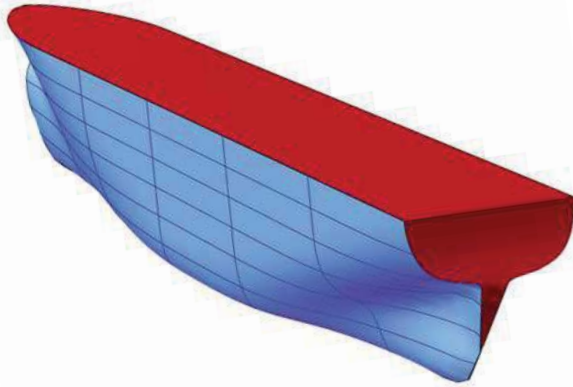


Figure 4: The hull of the containership modelled with *Mathematica*®.

In the presence of long incident waves, ship motion is studied under the Froude-Krylov assumption. In this case, the following uncoupled equation, written in terms of the relative roll angle ϕ , is employed:

$$(I_{44} + A_{44})\ddot{\phi} + D(\dot{\phi}) + \Delta GZ(\phi) = M_{\text{wave}}(t) \quad (5)$$

where I_{44} and A_{44} are the roll moment of inertia and the added moment, respectively. Customary quadratic damping moment D is assumed:

$$D(\dot{\phi}) = B_1\dot{\phi} + B_2\dot{\phi}|\dot{\phi}| \quad (6)$$

The damping coefficients were calculated according to the hydrodynamic component moment analysis, described in Ikeda et al. (1978). To the GZ -curve was fitted a 9th degree polynomial. The wave induced moment was modelled as (Wright & Marshfield, 1980):

$$M_{\text{wave}}(t) = -I_{44}\ddot{\alpha}(t) \quad (7)$$

with α being the instantaneous wave slope at the middle of the ship.

3. TRANSIENT CAPSIZE DIAGRAMS

The “transient capsize diagram” is a plot of wave period against the steepness ratio associated with critical, from ship dynamics perspective, roll angles (Rainey & Thompson, 1991). Ship motion in real seas is inherently transient and the use of steady-state analysis can be only indicative (Spyrou & Thompson, 2000). Below we shall extend the idea of the transient capsize using the MC-KL model in order to identify thresholds of unsafe behaviour under the “most expected” wave group loads. This can offer a rational treatment to problem of quantifying low-probability wave encounters.

Calculating transient capsize diagrams in the case of regular wave groups is a straightforward procedure, commonly advocated in the literature. On the other hand, analysis of the system’s transient response in irregular seas can turn into a complicated task, mostly due to the lack of necessary definitions. The appropriate selection of wave group characteristics, to be labelled on the stability diagram, is the greatest concern in the specific approach. In order to provide satisfactory answers to this issue, separation of height from period variations was attempted. Transient capsize diagrams were eventually calculated for the three cases shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Wave group case studies

Case	Description
01	<i>Regular wave groups</i>
02	<i>Regular wave groups with varying heights</i>
03	<i>MC-KL wave groups</i>

The construction algorithm of wave sequences related to Case 02 is based on simple manipulations of the MC-KL model. Firstly, joint height-period successions were calculated according to the original formulation of the method. Cross-correlations between consecutive heights and periods were fully

considered. In the end, however, the predicted periods were discarded and the derived height sequences were associated with constant periods. The Karhunen-Loève theorem was applied again to construct continuous counterparts.

In all three cases of Table 2 the produced wave groups were comprised of $j = 5$ individual waves with heights greater than H_{rms} . Moreover, without loss of generality, zero initial conditions at the moment of encounter were assumed. According to the Weather Criterion ship capsizes was considered the exceedance of the down-flooding angle $\varphi_f = 40^\circ$.

3.1 The effect of height variations

In Figure 5 the transient capsize diagrams of Cases 01 and 02 are superimposed. The “mean wave steepness” curve, denoted by H_m/λ , was calculated from the average wave height H_m of groupings derived for Case 02. The steepness ratio of the respective highest wave is given by the H_c/λ - curve. The horizontal axis is the non-dimensional wave period T with respect to the ship natural period T_0 .

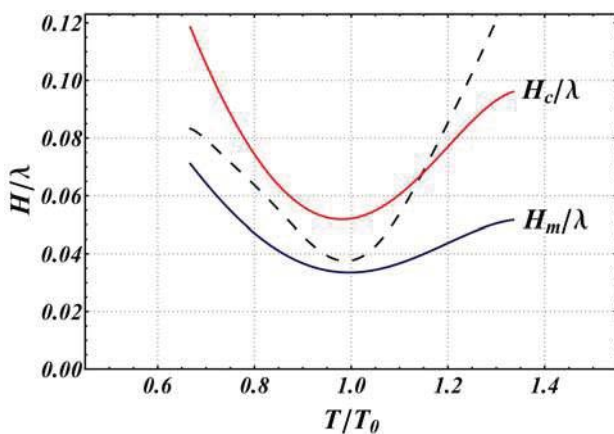


Figure 5: Transient capsize diagrams for Cases 01 (dashed line) and 02 (solid lines).

Figure 5 reveals the existence of three regions with qualitatively different stability features. In region A ($T/T_0 \leq 0.85$) the critical steepness

ratio of the regular wave trains was found very close to that of the maximum wave, calculated in Case 02. Rapid exceedance of φ_f was encountered, in both cases, within the first three wave cycles. In region B ($0.85 < T/T_0 \leq 1.10$), which is the region of resonant response, the two methods are totally equivalent. Since j was constantly fixed, the produced wave groups were of exactly the same duration. Moreover, height variations were found to have little influence on the performance of the vessel considering that the mean critical steepness H_m/λ was approximately the same for both methods. Stability failure was experienced after the third wave cycle. Finally, in region C ($T/T_0 > 1.10$) the two methods exhibit substantial discrepancies. The key finding is that roll motion is build-up during the developing stage of non-periodic wave groups. The position of the highest wave plays a crucial role for the manifestation of instability, leading to moderate critical steepness predictions.

3.2 The effects of period variations

In the same spirit, the transient capsize diagrams of Cases 01 and 03 are shown in Figure 6. The period of the highest wave of a single run is T_c . In Figure 7 critical wave groups of Case 03 are represented in terms of the average period (T_{avg}) and shortest period (T_{min}) in a non-dimensional form with respect to T_c .

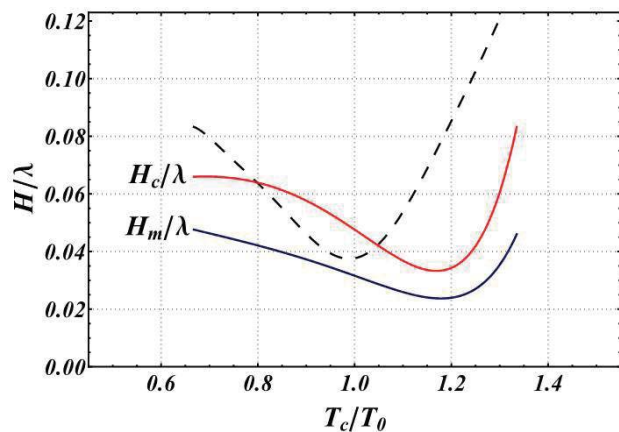


Figure 6: Transient capsize diagram for Cases 01 (dashed line) and 03 (solid lines).

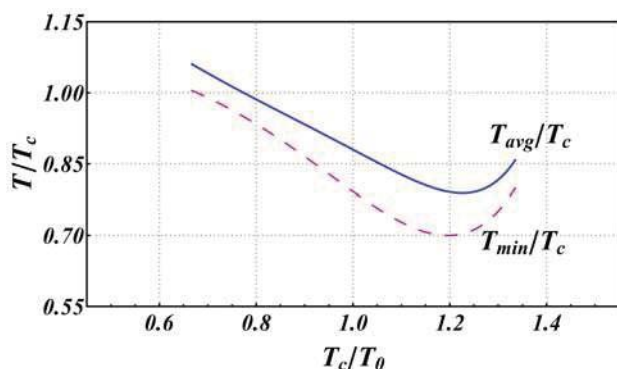


Figure 7: Period variations for Case 03; solid line: T_{avg}/T_c , dashed line: T_{min}/T_c .

Figure 6 indicates that modelling of realistic period successions results in a wider instability area, shifted to the region of long waves. In a typical MC-KL wave group the highest wave is surrounded by two waves with only slightly different periods. This fact, also reported in the experimental study of Su (1986), implies an “almost regular” waveform in the vicinity of the high central wave. In Figure 7 such phenomena are mostly associated with region A. However, motion augmentation is still possible in regions B and C if estimated periods vary within a sufficiently small range.

In Figure 8 short time histories of simulated roll motion are displayed. Ship responses that exceed plot boundaries are related to capsizing events, included in Figures 5 and 6. Dashed, thin and thick lines denote Cases 01, 02 and 03, respectively. The upper panel is associated with region A, where quick violation of the capsizing criterion is experienced in all case studies. In region B resonant phenomena dominate resulting in dangerous build-up of roll motion (middle panel). Finally, in region C, exceptionally high regular wave trains led to immediate capsizing (bottom panel). On the other hand, Cases 02 and 03 produced progressively increasing roll amplitudes.

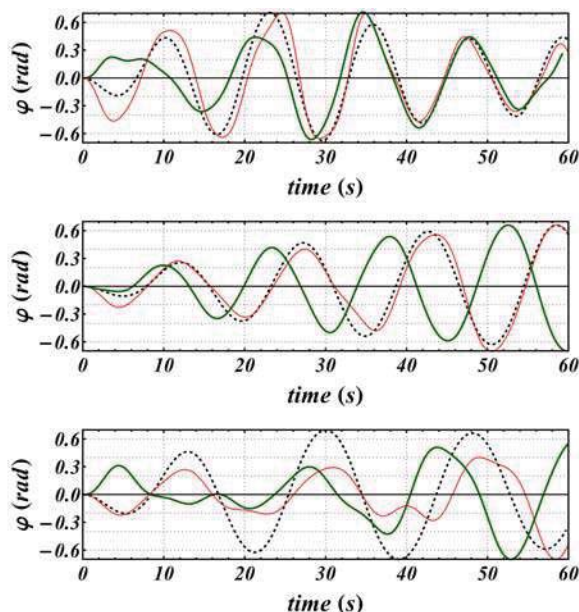


Figure 8: Roll response time-histories; upper panel: $T_c/T_0 = 0.789$, middle panel: $T_c/T_0 = 1.049$, lower panel: $T_c/T_0 = 1.246$.

4. SAFE BASIN EROSION AND INTEGRITY CURVES

In this section the non-linear response of the system is investigated up to the limiting angle of vanishing stability $\varphi_v = 66^\circ$. Basins of attraction are constructed after repeated simulations of ship motion with different initial conditions. The short duration of wave group excitation allows for a considerable reduction of the computational burden. In the study of Thompson (1989) rapid erosion and stratification of the safe basin was observed to take place under small variations of the wave parameters. The same logic is applied below using the MC-KL approach.

In Figure 9 the “integrity curves” of the vessel are illustrated. The probability of capsizing is quantified by the ratio of the actual safe basin area over the estimated area in free decay. The horizontal axis is the non-dimensional central wave height H_c with respect to Airy breaking limit H_0 . Analysis was performed for a fixed central wave period $T_c =$

T_p . Rapid loss of engineering integrity is observed when modelling successions of realistic wave periods.

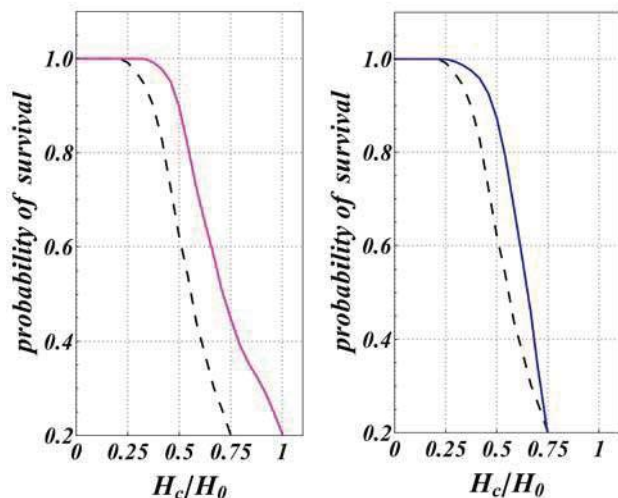


Figure 9: Integrity curves; left panel: Cases 01 (dashed line) & 02 (solid line); right panel: Cases 01 (dashed line) & 03 (solid line).

Basins of attraction, indicating 10% and 40% loss of the originally safe area appear in Figure 10. The graphs correspond to a 400x400 grid of initial conditions. Black colour implies initial conditions that led to quick capsize, practically within the first wave cycle. Purple and blue regions indicate capsizing during the second and third wave cycles, respectively. Safe regions remained uncoloured. In the case of regular group excitation, striations arise close to the basin boundary. At later stages of the erosion process these striations expand rapidly to the internal of the initially safe basin. On the other hand, for Cases 02 and 03 the basins start to erode “from within”. In most cases capsizing is experienced when encountering the highest wave of the train.

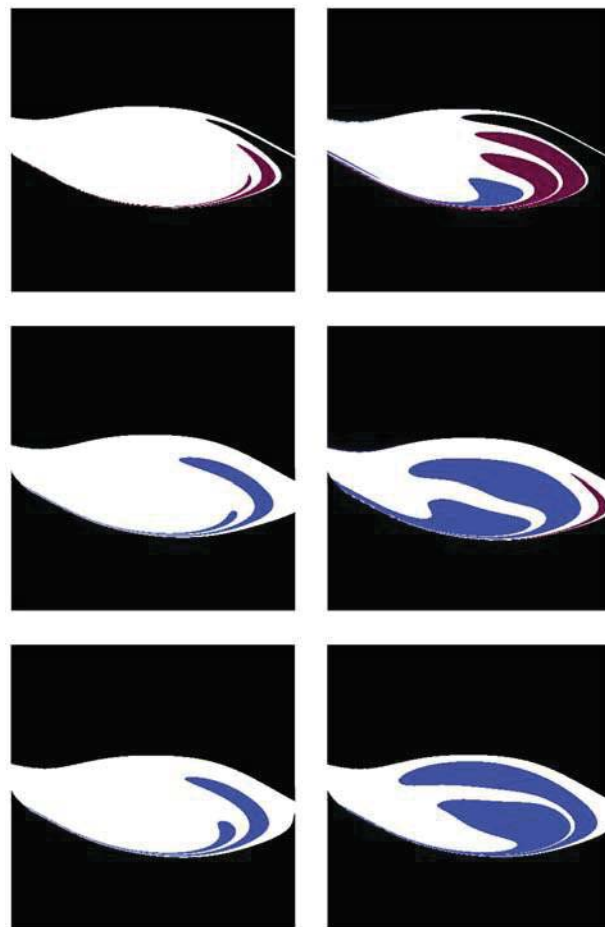


Figure 10: Transient basin erosion. Left column: 10% integrity loss; right column: 40% integrity loss; from top to bottom: Cases 01, 02, 03.

5. CONCLUSIONS

A new model for the systematic construction of spectrum-compatible wave group loads was presented. The effects of wave grouping phenomena on the performance of a modern containership were investigated. Stability analysis was performed in terms of transient capsize diagrams. The idea was to simulate wave induced moments with high probability of occurrence and study separately the effects of height from period variations within the group formations. The results indicate that realistic wave groups yield a wide instability region, yet shifted with respect to the regular case. In some cases, lower capsize



thresholds were defined by wave successions of gradually increasing heights rather than common regular trains. Finally, the concept of quantifying safe operational conditions through integrity curves was discussed. The conclusion is that the sudden erosion of the safe basin caused by irregular wave group excitation is a qualitatively different process from the typical regular approach.

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents an assessment of the roll damping of DTMB 5415 naval ship model in both intact and two compartments symmetric damaged scenarios. An experimental assessment of roll decay is performed at zero speed at different initial heel angles at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Reported experimental results are decay curves, natural frequency and period of roll for intact and damaged ship. CFD calculations are performed by *CDApac StarCCM+* software investigating the accuracy and efficiency of the numerical approach. In the numerical procedure the sensitivity analysis on mesh refinement for damaged ship was performed. Furthermore, a sensitivity analysis on time step and turbulence models was performed for the intact ship. Numerical results are plotted against experimental to verify the precision of the numerical simulations. Obtained numerical results are shown to be reasonably accurate although the calculation time still precludes the use of CFD analysis as a standard design procedure.

Keywords: *DTMB 5415 navy ship, intact ship, damaged ship, CFD, EFD, roll decay*

1. INTRODUCTION

Although most vessel responses can be calculated with acceptable accuracy by potential theories in the frequency domain, this is more difficult for roll response due to the viscous damping effects which are not negligible in roll. Roll damping plays an important role in the vessel seakeeping, which is the basis for the precise prediction of vessel motions in waves. The most common approach adopted is based on the Ikeda (1976) empirical method in which the equivalent total damping coefficient is calculated as a sum of potential, friction, eddy-making, appendages and lift contributions. The roll damping coefficient can be also be obtained through a ship model roll

decay tank test but there is evident lack of this approach in typical design procedures.

Very recently use of CFD methods in calculating roll damping has become possible due to developments in computing power. Numerical simulation based on CFD offers the advantage of considering viscous flow, although calculations are still very time consuming and experience of the modeling of this phenomenon is still very limited. A major problem in roll decay simulation, common to any problem of transient ship motion, is the necessity of special computational techniques such as deforming mesh, moving mesh and grid interface.



One of the first CFD assessments of roll decay is by Wilson (2006) who performed simulations for a bare hull and bilge-keel-appended surface combatant model (referred as DTMB 5512) using the software *CFDShip-IOWA*. Roll decay simulations are performed for three cases: the bare hull at $Fr = 0.138$ and 0.28 and the hull with bilge keels at $Fr = 0.138$. Comparisons of EFD and CFD damping coefficients for the low speed case with bilge keels showed very small differences, generally less than 0.4%, while comparisons for the bare hull cases at both speeds showed larger differences for damping coefficients (up to 20%) even though the difference in time histories for the roll motion showed reasonable agreement (<4.5%).

Yang *et al.* (2012) presented simulation performed using the commercial software package *Fluent* of roll decay for the same vessel, DTMB 5512, with initial heel angles: 5, 10 and 15 degrees at $Fr = 0.28$. The authors reported very good results in terms of damping coefficient and two examples of decay curve but no details on the method and calculation procedure are given. Yang *et al.* (2013) performed numerical simulations of free decay and forced rolling at various forward speeds and amplitudes for DTMB 5512 and S60 hulls to predict ship roll damping, using a RANS solver using a dynamic mesh technique. The influences of forward speed, roll amplitude and frequency on the ship roll damping are evaluated. The authors report the difference between numerical and experimental results as 1.3 to 2.5%.

Handschel *et al.* (2012) applied RANS simulations to calculate roll damping coefficients of a RoPax vessel in full scale. The influence of the roll amplitude up to 35 degrees, three ship speeds, the vertical position of the roll axis, and the interaction between the bilge keels and the ship hull are analysed. Detailed validation data for a RoPax ship was not available but authors compared the numerical results with Ikeda's method. Avalos *et al.* (2014) investigated a roll decay test of the

middle section of an FPSO with bilge keels by the numerical solution of the incompressible two-dimensional Navier–Stokes equations. The simulations indicated the strong influence of the bilge radius on the damping coefficient of the FPSO section. Very good results were generally obtained for cases with bilge keels, although sometimes the agreement for the oscillation period was not so good in the case with the larger bilge keel. The worst results in terms of damping and oscillation period were obtained for the section without bilge keels. The authors highlighted that the numerical simulation confirmed the occurrence of the so-called damping coefficient saturation: i.e. the phenomenon in which the damping coefficient does not increase with amplitude as predicted by conventional quadratic theory.

Gao & Vassalos (2011) presented results of numerical simulations of roll decay of DTMB 5415 with bilge keel in both intact and damage conditions by RANS. The comparison shows that the agreements between calculation and model test are acceptable with slightly larger period and smaller damping obtained from the calculation. Gao *et al.* (2013) presented an integrated numerical method that couples a seakeeping solver based on the potential flow theory and a Navier–Stokes (NS) solver with the volume of fluid (VOF), developed to study the behaviour of a damaged ship in beam seas. The integrated method was used to simulate the roll decay of a damaged Ro–Ro ferry and the ferry's motion in regular beam seas. Validation against experimental data showed that the proposed method can yield satisfactory results with acceptable computational costs.

This work continues the stream of investigation on the applicability of CFD methods for roll damping determination. The commercial software *CD Adapco StarCCM+* is used for roll decay simulation of an intact and damaged bare hull DTMB 5415 model, tested by authors at the University of Strathclyde.

2. MODEL DTMB 5415 GEOMETRY AND DATA

2.1 DTMB 5415

Roll damping was studied for the well-known benchmark naval hull form DTMB 5415, constructed in fibreglass as 1/51 scale model used in experimental campaign in Begovic et al. (2013). The main particulars of the DTMB 5415 model are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Main Particulars DTMB 5415

Particulars	Ship	Model 51
L_{OA} (m)	153.300	3.0
L_{PP} (m)	142.200	2.788
B_{WL} (m)	19.082	0.374
B_{OA} (m)	20.540	0.403
D (m)	12.470	0.244
T (m)	6.150	0.120
V (m ³)	8424.4	0.0635
Δ (t, kg)	8635	63.5
C_B	0.505	0.505
C_P	0.616	0.616
C_M	0.815	0.815
KM (m)	9.493	0.186
KG (m)	7.555	0.148
GM (m)	1.938	0.038
LCG (m)	70.137	1.375
$k_{xx-WATER}$ (m)	6.932	0.136
k_{yy-AIR} (m)	36.802	0.696
k_{zz-AIR} (m)	36.802	0.696

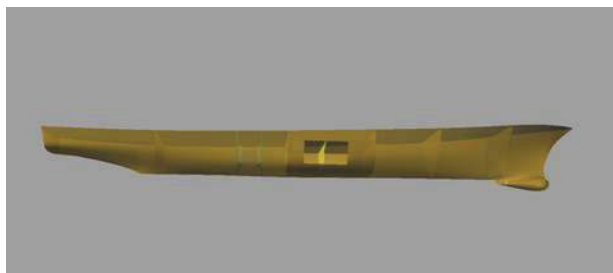


Figure 1 DTMB 5415

The internal geometry of the 1:51 model was identical to that presented by Lee *et al.* (2012). The model has been fitted with the 5 watertight bulkheads located as shown in Figure 1. The damage opening shown in Fig. 2 leads to two compartment (3 and 4) symmetric flooding. The flooded length extended from $x_1 = 65.66$ m (ship scale) to $x_2 = 90.02$ m, corresponding to 17% of the length between perpendiculars. This extension seemed reasonable for a destroyer type of ship, as it is expected that this type of ships have to preserve all functionality with two compartments damage. Both compartments were fitted with the small tube to assure the air-flow during tests, visible on the port side of model at Fig.2.



Figure 2 Damage opening of DTMB 5415

The exact amount of flooded water is determined from hydrostatic calculations, i.e. for the measured immersion and trim angle, the displaced volume was found. All characteristics of damaged ship are reported in Table 2.



Table 2. Damaged case principal characteristics

Particulars	SHIP	MODEL
$L_{\text{flooded compartments}}$ (m)	24.36	0.478
B_{WL} (m)	19.458	0.382
T_{mean} (m)	7.41	0.145
Trim [+ aft] (deg)	-0.656	-0.656
Δ (t)	11273.8	0.083
Mass of flooded water (t/kg)	2638.9	0.019
LCG (m)	71.622	1.404
KM (m)	9.427	0.185
KG (m)	6.654	0.130
GM (m)	2.773	0.054

2.2 Experimental results for intact ship

The tests have been performed at the Kelvin Hydrodynamics Lab, University of Strathclyde. The model motion has been tracked using a Qualisys optical system at frequency of 137.36 Hz. In Figure 3, four decay cases are reported for the bare hull intact ship, with different initial heel angles of: 4.00, 13.43, 19.38 and 28.00 deg.

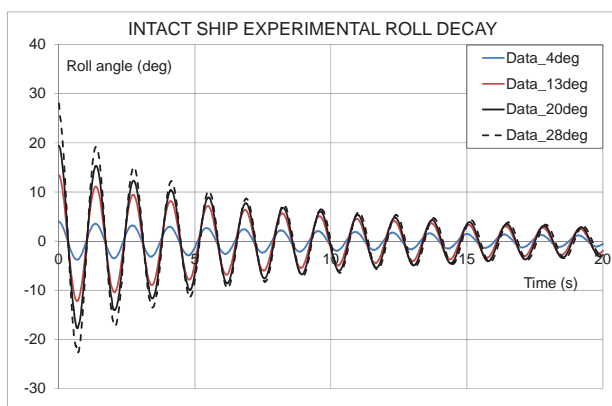


Figure 3 Roll decays of intact DTMB 5415

Results of simple analysis of roll damping coefficient for all tested decays according to ITTC (2011) nomenclature and standard logarithmic decay are natural period and damping coefficients: linear α and quadratic β , reported in Table 3. The trends of measured decays reported in Fig.3 indicate very small damping for small initial heel: in 15 roll cycles

the roll amplitude decreased from initial 4.0 deg heel to 1.1 degree. It can be further noted that the 20 and 13 deg decay curves converge for amplitudes lower than 5 degrees indicating that the roll damping mechanism at large amplitude heel angles is different to that at small angles and that the damping formulations proposed by Fernandes & Oliveira (2009) and Bessler (2010) are suitable for both small and large angles.

2.3 Experimental results for damaged ship

For the damaged ship only cases with initial amplitudes higher than 10 deg have been considered due to the much higher damping of the damaged ship with respect to the intact case. Two cases with initial amplitudes of 13.5 and 19.1 deg are given in Figure 4. It can be noted that in 10 cycles the roll amplitude is reduced to 1deg. It can be further noted from Figs. 3 and 4 that the natural period of the damaged ship (1.518s) is significantly higher than that of the intact ship (1.368s).

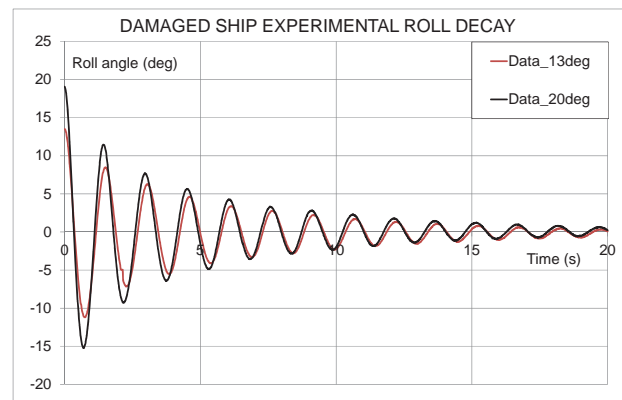


Figure 4 Roll decays of damaged DTMB 5415

Table 3. Roll decay analysis summary

	Intact	Damaged
ω_4 (1/rad)	4.593	4.135
T_4 (s)	1.368	1.518
α (1/s)	0.0604	0.1358
β (1/rad)	0.1237	0.2628

From Table 3 it can be seen that the damaged ship exhibits a higher natural roll period as well as much higher linear and quadratic damping coefficients α and β than those for the intact ship. This difference is mainly due to the flood water dynamics, inside and outside the compartment, generating some waves and some vortices. It can be noted that both linear and quadratic damping coefficients have increased by more than double.

3. NUMERICAL SET UP

In this work the commercial software *CD Adapco StarCCM+ V.8.04* has been used for the calculations of roll decay curves. It is well known that the accuracy of CFD results and the calculation time strongly depends on the type of the mesh and number of cells used, and therefore meshing is optimized for the “most challenging” case, i.e. damaged ship with 19.1 deg initial heel. In present work, a moving mesh and grid interface have been used for modelling the roll decay phenomenon. For the interaction between the moving body and the free surface a Chimera grid or overset mesh technique is used. To solve the time-marching equations, an implicit solver has been used to find the field of all hydrodynamic unknown quantities, in conjunction with an iterative solver to solve each time step. The software uses a *Semi Implicit Method for Pressure Linked Equations* to conjugate pressure field and velocity field, and an *Algebraic Multi-Grid* solver to accelerate the convergence of the solution.

The free surface is modelled with the two phase volume of fluid technique (*VoF*). A segregated flow solver approach is used for all simulations. The Reynolds stress problem is solved by means of $k-\epsilon$ turbulence model.

3.1 Mesh generation and sensitivity analysis

A trimmed mesh of hexahedral type is used, shown in Fig. 5. In order to optimize the

discretization of each region and to avoid large computational costs, the region around the hull is finer than the far field regions.

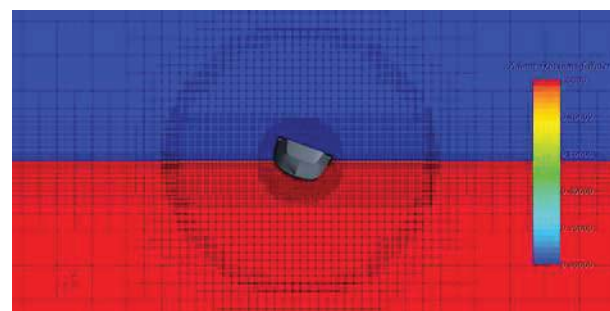
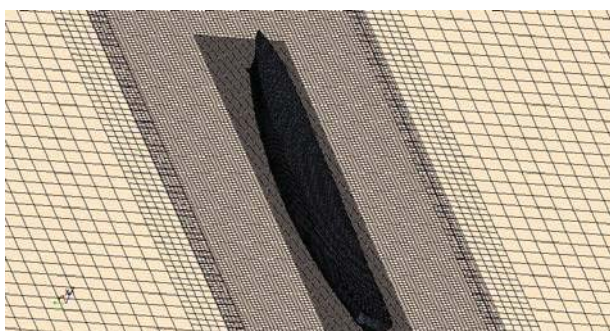
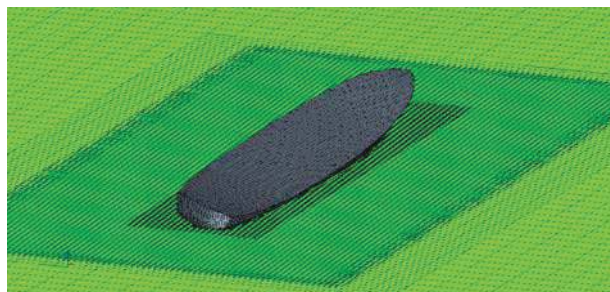


Figure 5 Hexahedral trimmed mesh

The mesh shown in Fig.5 is the result of the sensitivity analysis performed with two trimmed meshes and two hybrid meshes (polyhedral and trimmed) running 5 seconds of model roll decay simulation. A summary of cell numbers and CPU time for 32 processors is given in Table 4. The obtained roll decay histories are shown in Fig.6 indicating that the Hybrid_1 mesh gives completely incorrect results, and it was thus stopped after 3 seconds. It can be noted how the refinement of the free surface VoF (Hybrid_1 vs. all others) in the range of the complete hull model height (not only the “seakeeping” free surface) yields significant improvement in roll decay

simulation. From Fig.6 very small difference can be noted between Trim_2 and Hybrid_2 meshes in quality of results while the computational time is extremely prohibitive for the Hybrid_2 case.

Table 4. Mesh sensitivity analysis summary

Grid Type	No. Cells	CPU Time
	$\times 10^6$	(h)
Hybrid_1	1.194	90
Trim_1	0.709	40
Trim_2	1.476	90
Hybrid_2	2.590	192

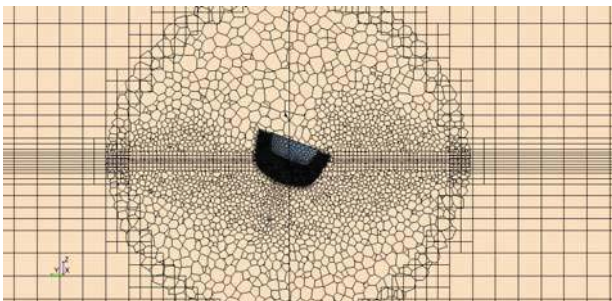


Figure 5a Mesh Hybrid_1

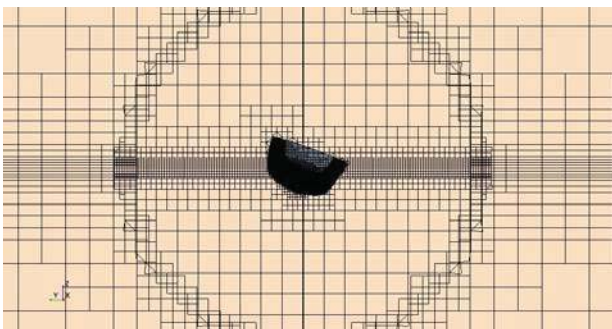


Figure 5b Mesh Trim_1

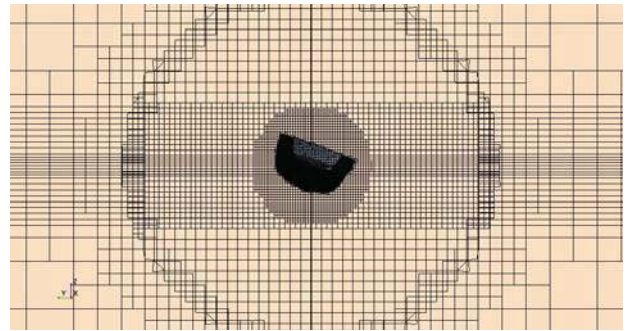


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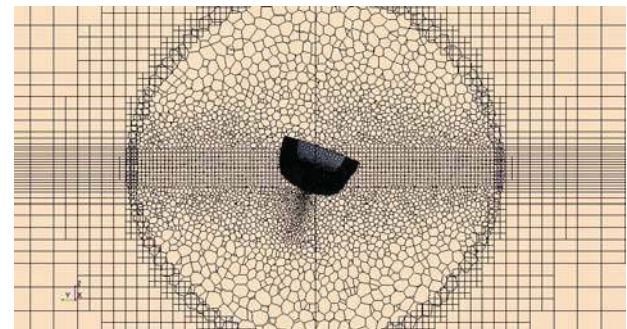


Figure 5d Mesh Hybrid_2

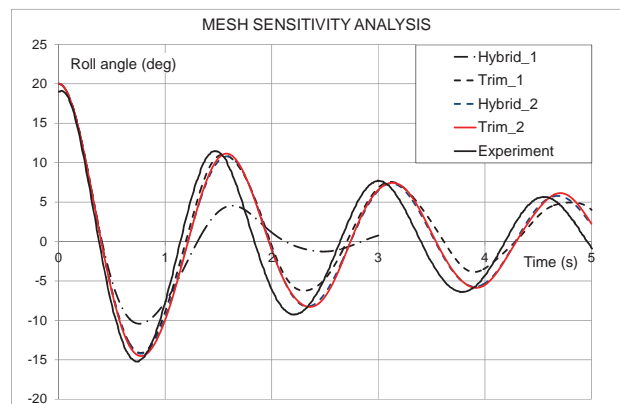


Figure 6. Mesh sensitivity results

3.2 Boundary Conditions and solver settings

All the boundaries, as defined in the numerical set up, are shown in Fig. 7.

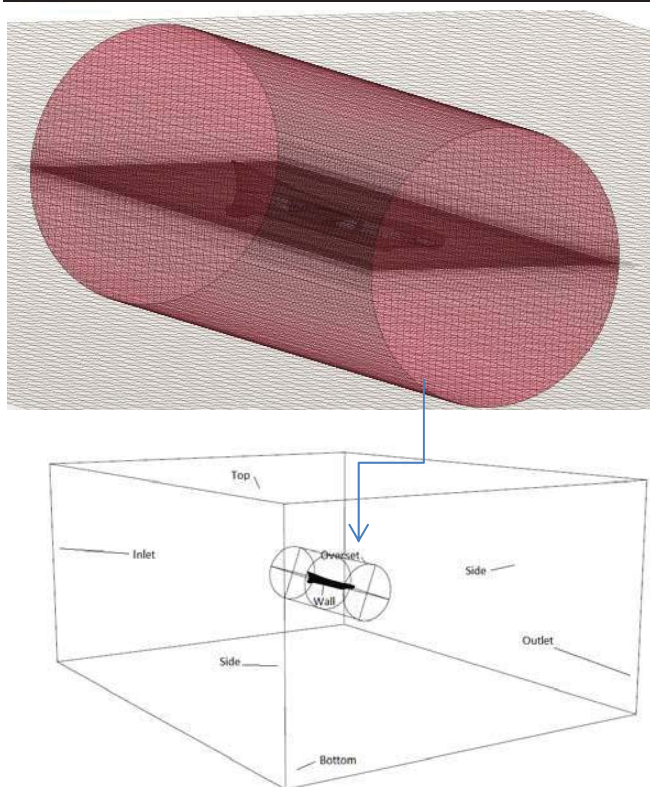


Figure 7 Domain and Boundary representation

The conditions applied to each of them are summarised in Table 5. For each simulation, the hull is heeled at the initial angle of the roll decay curve. The origin of the coordinate system is at the model CG. For the intact case the calculations have been performed with $k-\epsilon$ and $k-\omega$ turbulence models. All properties of the numerical solver are reported in Table 6.

Table 5 Boundary conditions summary

Inlet	Velocity inlet condition
Outlet	Velocity inlet condition
Bottom/Top	Velocity inlet condition
Sides	Pressure outlet
Hull	Wall with no-slip condition
Symmetry plane	Not existing
Overset	Boundary Interface

Once all the boundary conditions have been imposed, the last step is defining the numerical set up. The ITTC “Practical Guidelines for Ship CFD Applications” recommendation for

time step choice for periodic phenomena such as roll decay and vortex shedding is at least $1/100$ of phenomenon period. The measured roll period varies from 1.37 to 1.52 seconds resulting in recommended minimum of 0.015s. Sensitivity analysis has been performed for time steps equal to 0.002s and 0.001s. The simulations have been performed for intact ship at 19.43 deg initial heel and results are given in Fig. 8.

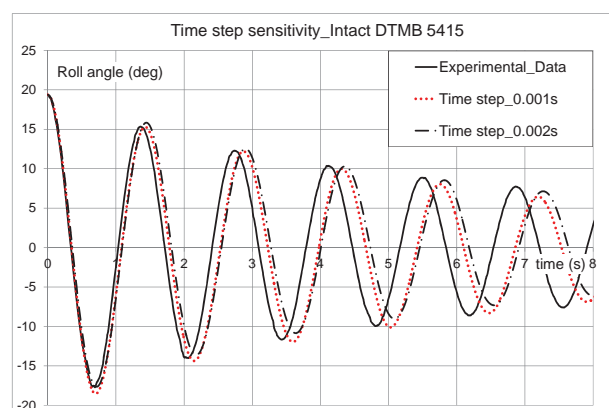


Figure 8 Time step sensitivity

Although the initial step of 0.002s is one order of magnitude lower than ITTC recommended time step, it can be seen that the simulation results are not stable with this time step. Both: decay curve and roll period are improved in simulation with 0.001s time step. Trying lower time step has been considered too expensive in terms of calculations costs.

Results of simulations with $k-\epsilon$ and $k-\omega$ turbulence models are given in Fig. 9. Numerical results are within 1% difference although it is not possible to appreciate the difference between two numerical curves.

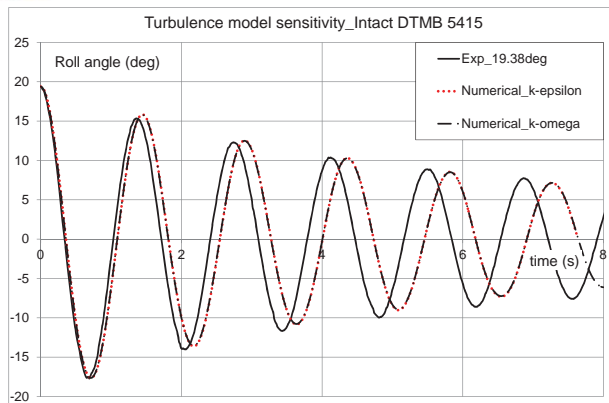


Figure 9 Turbulence models sensitivity

Final numerical set up used for the simulations is reported in Table 6.

Table 6 Solver settings summary

Convection Term	2 nd order
Temporal Discretization	2 nd order
Time-step (s)	0.001
Iteration per time step	12
Turbulence Model	k- ϵ / k- ω

4. NUMERICAL RESULTS

4.1 Intact ship

The final simulations for the intact ship have been performed for 4.00 and 28.00 degrees initial heel. The larger angle represents a limit for mesh functionality. The lower angle gives the part of extinction curve common to all experimental decays reported in Fig. 3, where none of the simulations arrived due to the necessary computing time. The mesh scene is given in Fig. 10 for both simulations. The total number of cells is 1.24M. The calculation time depends on the turbulence model and the initial heel angle; for the k- ϵ model using 32 processors, 1s of simulation takes about 13 hours for 4.00 deg and about 8 hours for 28.00 deg initial heel.

Results compared with the experimental data are given in Figs. 11 and 12.

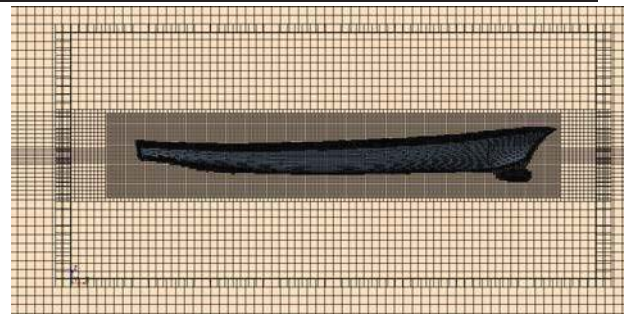


Figure 10 Mesh Scene for Intact model

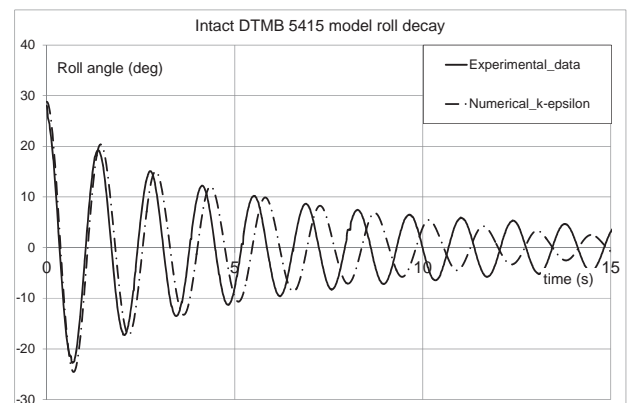


Figure 11 Comparison of experimental and numerical results

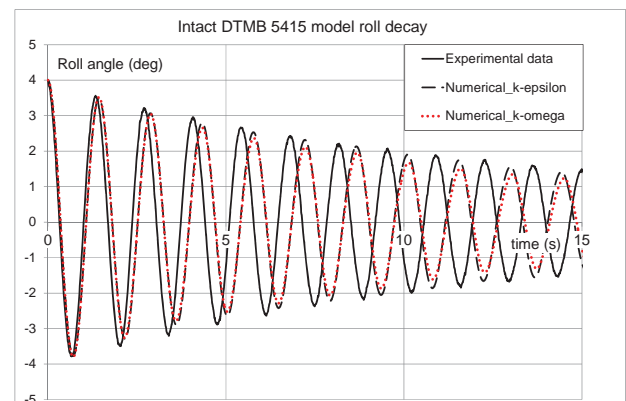


Figure 12 Comparison of numerical and experimental results

In both simulations a good trend of magnitude of decay curves with higher roll period can be observed. Roll oscillation period in all simulations is 1.443 seconds, and does not show dependence on roll angle. With respect to experimental result of 1.369s, this gives a difference of 5.4%.

4.2 Damaged ship

The final simulation for the damaged ship is performed for 15 seconds model time. Details of the mesh in the flooded compartments is shown in Fig. 12. The numerical roll decay curve compared with the experimental data for the damaged ship is given in Fig. 13.

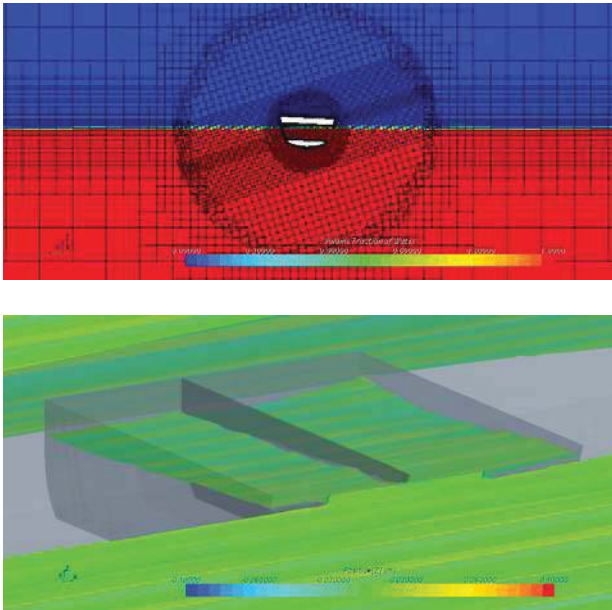


Figure 12 Damage detail

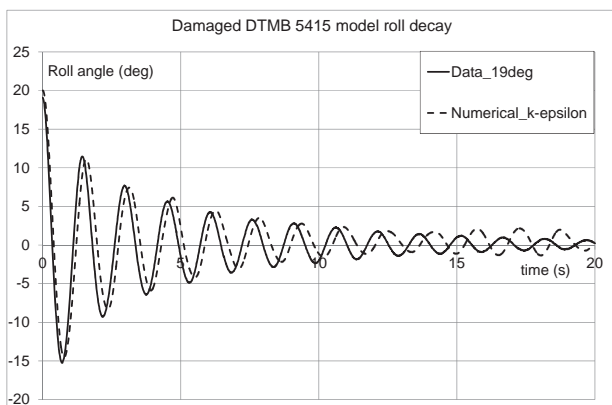


Figure 13 Numerical vs Experimental Roll Decay

It can be seen that oscillation period of numerical results 1.56 s is longer than of experimental, 1.518s, leading to the difference of 2.8%.

4.3 Damping coefficients comparison

Assessment of damping coefficients in experimental procedure generally is done analysing more than five decay curves. Results presented in Table 4 are calculated for 10 decays, including large and small initial angles. Due to required CPU time, it is not possible to use the same number of decays within numerical procedure; therefore the comparison of damping coefficients is done for two numerical cases vs. respective experimental results. Decay coefficient analysis is given in Fig. 14.

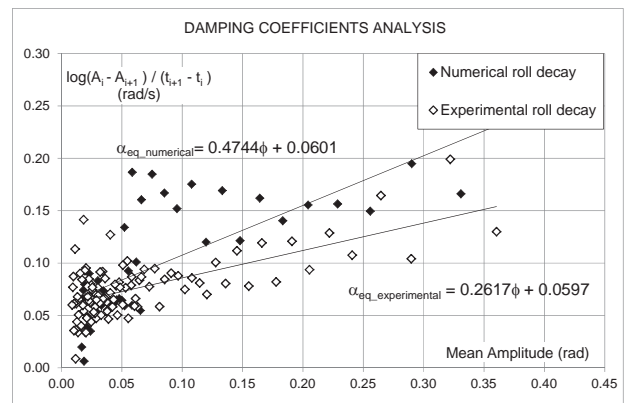


Figure 14 Damping coefficient determination

The linear coefficient α obtained for numerical and experimental results can be considered equal (0.0601 vs. 0.0597). The quadratic coefficient β is obtained by multiplying the angular coefficient of trend line by $0.75 \cdot \pi / \omega$. The values obtained are 0.243 and 0.124 for numerical and experimental results, respectively. Looking at the numerical data in Figs. 11 and 14, two problems for simulation at very high initial heel are evident. The first one is the higher predicted damping, which depends upon calculation settings (mesh, time step, solver, etc). The second problem, which presents a serious challenge, is that the time required for simulation to arrive at small angles is too long and without this part of the extinction curve the damping coefficient prediction will not be realistic.



5. CONCLUSIONS

This work focuses on the use of commercial software *CD Adapco StarCCM+* RANS solver for the analysis of roll damping properties of the bare hull naval ship DTMB 5415.

Roll damping is considered through the roll decay curve prediction, which is the beginning for any further analysis of roll damping coefficients and it is directly compared with the decay curves obtained from experiments performed by the authors. Experimental results concern intact and damaged ship behaviour in free roll decay starting from different angles ranging from 4 to 28 degrees and damaged ship data can be added to Gothenburg CFD workshop (2010).

Mesh sensitivity in numerical simulations is optimised for the damaged ship case considering hexahedral trimmed and hybrid meshes with different refinements, sizes and shapes. The trimmed mesh is chosen as it has the same accuracy of fine hybrid but significantly lower computational time. Obtained numerical results have reasonable damping coefficient prediction but the period of oscillations differ from experiments by up to 4%. These results are in line with those presented by Gao (2011, 2013) and Avalos (2014). It has to be commented that numerical predictions are highly determined by the quality rather than the quantity of the mesh

The serious challenge for the use of CFD method for damping prediction lies in the extremely high computational time required. Without considering the time necessary for the mesh generation, the calculation time of 5-6 days on 32 computers is impractical for common design practice. However there is great potential to use these simulations to generate damping coefficients numerically for flooded compartments of different geometry and to use these results to improve those semi-empirical formulae typically used in design practice, such as those based on experiments by Katayama (2009).

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Investigation of the Impact of the Amended S-Factor Formulation on ROPAX Ships

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ABSTRACT

The adoption of the probabilistic framework in the 2009 Amendments to SOLAS, was a major change against the deterministic approach used for the damage stability assessment of passenger and dry cargo ships. Over the last years, a number of serious concerns have been raised regarding the survivability of SOLAS 2009 ships in comparison with the requirements of Stockholm Agreement (Directive 2003/25/EC). A number of studies and discussions exist along the marine industry and IMO of how the water on deck effect could be incorporated under the SOLAS regulations. Recently, the SDC Sub-Committee at its first session has agreed in principle to the proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1, including the survivability assessment of ROPAX ships. The main objective of this paper is to investigate the impact of the revised s-factor formulation on existing designs.

Keywords: *damaged ship stability, ROPAX ship, probabilistic assessment*

1. INTRODUCTION

The 2009 amendments to SOLAS and the adoption of the harmonized probabilistic damage stability regulations for dry cargo and passenger ships (SOLAS 2009), was a significant step towards a more rational approach for the assessment of ship's survivability after damage. The EU-funded research project HARDER (1999-2003) investigated all elements of the existing approach and proposed new formulations for the damage and survival probabilities and for the maximum acceptable risk level (minimum safety requirements) taking into consideration enhanced probabilistic data. The final recommendations submitted to SLF 46 and the new harmonized regulations adopted by Marine Safety Committee on May 2005 (Resolution MSC.194(80)) and entered into force on 1 January 2009.

Since the harmonised probabilistic damage stability regulations became mandatory there is a continuous process in the international and national maritime regulatory bodies of developing amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 and of the associated explanatory notes (resolution MSC.281(85)). A number of regulations have been identified as needing for improvement as realised over the years that the new SOLAS could not cater for the expeditious developments in the design of large passenger ships. Moreover, concerns were expressed by EU member states and the Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), regarding the safety equivalence between SOLAS 2009 and the provisions of Stockholm Agreement (Directive 2003/25/EC) for RoRo passenger ships. It is noted that SOLAS 2009 was not aiming to include water-on-deck (WoD) effects on RoPax ships because the Stockholm Agreement was not part of the SOLAS 90 standard then in force [Papanikolaou, 2013].



Last year IMO SDC Sub-Committee at its first session (SDC 1) has agreed in principle to the proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1, including a revised formulation for the survivability assessment of ROPAX ships. This paper aims to identify the impact of the revised s-factor formulation on existing designs.

2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

2.1 The current s-factor formulation

The s-factor represents the probability of survival after flooding a compartment or group of compartments after collision damage and its current formulation as found in SOLAS II-1 Reg.7-2 is based on the concept of critical significant wave height H_{Scrit} , as derived from the original HARDER project:

$$H_{Scrit} = 4 \frac{\max(GZ, 0.12)}{0.12} \frac{\max(Range, 16)}{16} = 4s^4 \quad (1)$$

In order to account transient capsize phenomena in the calculation of the survival probability and prevent asymmetric flooding, a factor K is applied to the final stage of flooding as a function of the final heeling angle at the equilibrium θ_e ($K = 1$ if $\theta_e \leq 7^\circ$, 0 if $\theta_e \geq 15^\circ$ and $[(15 - \theta_e)/(15 - 7)]^{1/2}$ elsewhere).

Therefore, the s-factor at the final stage of flooding is determined as:

$$S_{final} = K \left[\frac{GZ_{max}}{0.12} \frac{Range}{16} \right]^{1/4} \quad (2)$$

where:

$$GZ_{max} \leq 0.12m \text{ and } Range \leq 16^\circ$$

For passenger ships, SOLAS 2009 requires the calculation of s_{mom} at the final equilibrium, which is the survival probability considering the maximum transverse moment at the

damaged condition resulted by the wind force and the evacuation of the ship (passengers movement to one side and lifeboats launching). In addition, for passenger ships only, where the intermediate stages of flooding may be critical, it is required the calculation of the ship's survival probability ($s_{intermediate}$) before the final equilibrium is reached. Where cross-flooding fittings are required, the time for equalization shall not exceed 10 min. When the heel angle at any intermediate stage exceeds 15° the value of $s_{intermediate}$ is zero. In any other case it is calculated as follow:

$$S_{intermediate} = \left[\frac{GZ_{max}}{0.05} \frac{Range}{7} \right]^{1/4} \quad (3)$$

where:

$$GZ_{max} \leq 0.05m, Range \leq 7^\circ$$

The s-factor for any damage case is then obtained from the formula:

$$s = \text{minimum}\{s_{intermediate}, S_{final} \cdot s_{mom}\} \quad (4)$$

The value of s-factor is also depending on the floatability of the ship at the final equilibrium and the immersion of critical points like horizontal evacuation routes, vertical escapes, control stations, etc. The immersion of any of the critical points result $s=0$.

2.2 The Stockholm Agreement

The Stockholm Agreement (SA) applies to RoRo passenger ships operating on regular scheduled voyages or visiting designated ports in North West Europe and Baltic Sea. The requirements of SA aim to increase ship's safety by accounting the risk of accumulation of water on the RoRo deck; water on deck (WoD) effect. The regulatory framework is based on a deterministic approach having as

main parameters the residual freeboard (F_B) in the way of damage and the sea state, by means of significant wave height (H_s). The ship shall meet the survival criteria as described in SOLAS 90 Ch.II-1 Reg.8 paragraphs 2.3 to 2.3.4 when a hypothetical amount of water accumulated on the RoRo deck. If $F_B \geq 2.0\text{m}$ no water is assumed while if $F_B \leq 0.3\text{m}$ the height (h_w) of water on deck is taken as $h_w = 0.5\text{m}$. Intermediate heights of water are obtained by linear interpolation. With respect to the sea conditions, if the significant wave height in the voyage area is $H_s \leq 1.5\text{m}$ then no water is assumed to be accumulated on the RoRo deck due to damage while if $H_s \geq 4.0\text{m}$ the height of the water is based on the residual freeboard and calculated as above. Intermediate values are determined by linear interpolation. It is noted that, as an alternative to the above compliance with SA requirements can be demonstrated by carrying out model tests based on the specific method described in Directive 2003/25/EC.

2.3 The amended s-factor formulation

The SDC sub-committee at its first session on January 2014 finalized the draft amendments to SOLAS Ch. II-1 based on the report of the working group at SLF55 and of the correspondence group (SDC 1/WP.5/Add.1). According to the agreed amendments the survival probability for ROPAX ships is calculated using the formula:

$$S_{final} = K \left[\frac{GZ_{max}}{TGZ_{max}} \frac{Range}{TRange} \right]^{1/4} \quad (5)$$

where:

$$GZ_{max} \leq TGZ_{max} \text{ and } Range \leq TRange$$

$$TGZ_{max} = 0.20\text{m} \text{ and } TRange = 20^\circ$$

for each damage case that involves a RoRo space,

or

$$TGZ_{max} = 0.12\text{m} \text{ and } TRange = 16^\circ \text{ otherwise}$$

3. APPLICATION OF THE AMENDED FORMULATION

Two existing ROPAX designs are used in order to investigate the impact of the amended survival probability on the stability characteristics, with respect to the attained subdivision index (A), and damage stability requirements, in terms of the minimum required intact metacentric height (GM). It is noted that for both ships the requirements of Reg.7 were more onerous than those of Reg.8 and Reg.9 when either the existing or the amended s-factor formula was used. All ships have been designed according to SOLAS 2009 and SA stability requirements.

3.1 Ship 1

The first ship is a large sized RoRo passenger day/night ferry which can accommodate 1900 passengers, is fitted with one lower hold and is divided into 18 watertight zones along the subdivision length of 200.8m.

In total 1146 damaged conditions are investigated for the three intact draughts (light, partial and deepest) with the damages to extend up to four zones. At 840 cases, at least one RoRo space is involved in the damage scenario Figure 1. For the most of them the vessel has sufficient GZ and Range in order to achieve $s=1$ or not enough stability and/or floatability leading to $s=0$ when both the existing and the revised s-factor formulation is considered.

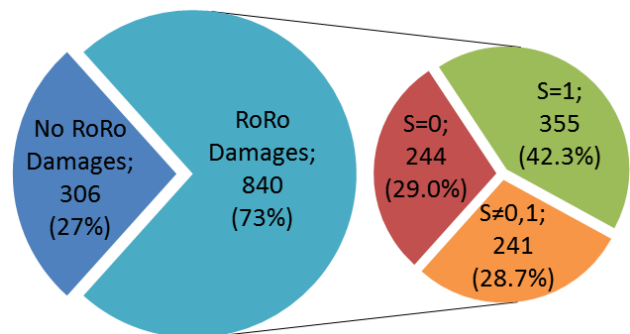


Figure 1: Damaged conditions studied, Ship 1

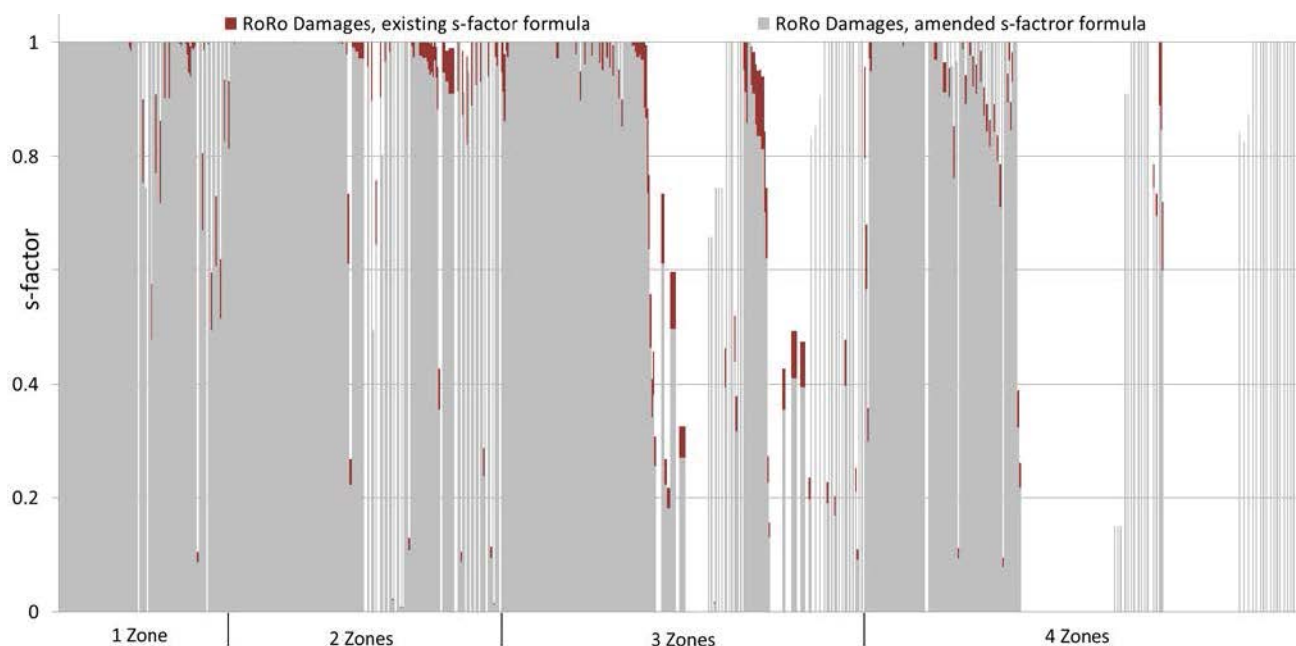


Figure 2: Survival probability of RoRo damages based on the existing and amended formula, Ship 1

For the rest 355 cases a mean reduction 8.7% occurred in the survival probability. If all 840 cases where a RoRo space is involved are accounted then the mean reduction to the s-factor is 2.5%. The Figure 2 shows the differences in the s-factor values for all damages where a RoRo space is involved when the existing and amended formula is used. It is also noted that for 88 or 10% of these cases the survival probability was one when calculated with the existing formula but reduced after the Equation 3 is used.

The required subdivision index according to SOLAS II-1 Reg.6, is $R=0.79108$. The calculations show that when the revised s-factor formulation is used, the attained index is reduced per 1.6%, decreased from $A=0.79164$ to $A^*=0.77915$, where A and A^* are the attained subdivision index according to the existing and amended Reg.7, respectively. As can be seen from Table 1, the minimum GM values need to be increased per 7cm in order the vessel to achieve compliance with Reg.6. For the calculation of the new GM, the values at partial (DP) and deepest subdivision draught (DS) equally increased while the GM value at the light service draught (DL) remained constant.

According to the approved stability information, the ship complies with the requirements of Stockholm Agreement (WoD) for a significant wave height of 4.0m at the light, partial and deepest draughts when the metacentric height values are at least those shown on the Table 1. It can be seen that the amended s-factor formulation for ROPAX ships, which leads to more onerous requirements, is able to draw up the water on deck effect, in terms of minimum required GM.

Table 1: Minimum required GM values, Ship 1

	Existing s-factor	Amended s-factor	WoD
Initial Condition	GM (m)	GM _S (m)	GM _W (m)
DL 5.10m, TR-0.3m	5.180	5.180	2.440
DP 6.00m	1.760	1.830	1.850
DS 6.60m	1.760	1.830	1.850
A	0.79164	0.79169	-
R	0.79108		-

3.2 Ship 2

The second ship is a large sized RoRo passenger day ferry with the capability to accommodate 300 passengers and transport vehicles on the main and upper garage decks and in one lower hold. The subdivision length of 211.9m is divided into 18 watertight zones while the required subdivision index is lower in comparison with the first ship ($R=0.70036$) because of the significantly smaller number of passengers.

The total number of the damage conditions investigated for the light, partial and deepest draughts was 1353 assuming the ship damaged up to four zones. As can be seen on Figure 3, the 81% of the examined cases involve a RoRo space. More than half of them did not have sufficient stability or enough floatability and result a zero survival probability regardless of the formulation used. On the other hand, 18% of them result $s=1$ based on both the existing and revised s-factor formula. For the rest 262 cases a mean reduction of 10.2% occurred in the s-factor values. If all 1098 cases involving a RoRo space are considered, then the mean reduction to the s-factor is 2.4%. It is also noted that 79 or 7% of the cases with a damaged RoRo space had a unitary probability of survival when calculated with the existing

formula but reduced after the amended formula used.

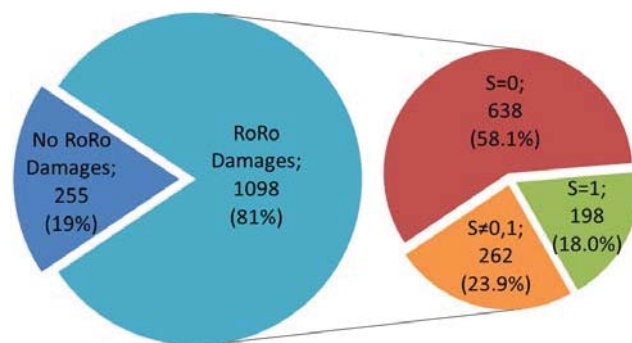


Figure 4: Damaged conditions studied, Ship 2

The impact of the amended s-factor formulation on the survival probabilities for all damages involving a RoRo space can be seen on Figure 4. The subdivision index of the ship has been reduced from $A=0.70245$ to $A^*=0.68265$ or 2.8%, where A and A^* are the attained subdivision indices according to the existing and the amended s-factor formulation, respectively. In order the vessel to achieve $A=R$ the intact GM values need to be increased per 11cm equally for both the partial (DP) and deepest subdivision conditions (DS). As per the first ship, the GM value corresponding to the light service condition (DL) remains constant (Table 2).

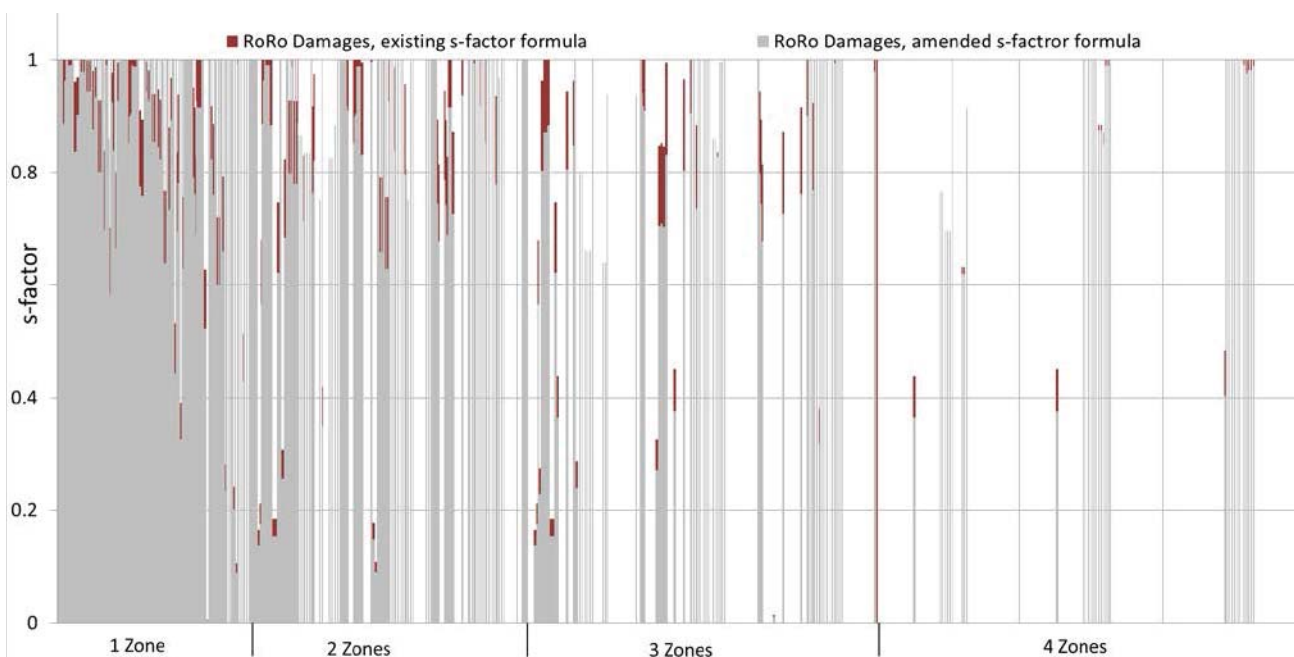


Figure 3: Survival probability of RoRo damages based on the existing and amended formula, Ship 2



Table 2: Minimum required GM values, Ship 2

	Existing s-factor	Amended s-factor	WoD
Initial Condition	GM (m)	GM _s (m)	GM _w (m)
DL 5.01m, TR-0.2m	4.610	4.610	2.141
DP 5.79m	1.500	1.610	1.611
DS 6.30m	1.900	2.010	2.024
A	0.70245	0.70213	-
R	0.70036		-

4. CONCLUSIONS

Following many discussions within the maritime community, last year the SDC subcommittee finalised the draft amendments to SOLAS Ch.II-1. A brief study for the effect of the amended survival probability for ROPAX ships has been presented in this paper.

The results show that, with respect to the requirements of Stockholm Agreement, the amended SOLAS Ch.II-1 was able, in terms of minimum required GM, to draw up the water on deck effect for the vessels under investigation. On the other hand, and due to the nature of the probabilistic approach, it is recognised that it is difficult to figure out possible critical damage cases and identify potential vulnerabilities in design with regard to damage cases involve a RoRo space. It is important to note that as the number of the vessels investigated is rather small the generalisation of the above outcomes is not possible.

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Stability Upgrade of a Typical Philippine Ferry

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ABSTRACT

The waterborne transport in the Philippines has been a sensitive subject amplified by the lack of rules and regulations to restrict ship-owners profit-driven decisions, leading to overloading, with significant impact on ship stability. Most of the Tier-II vessels are using solid ballast to balance trim and increase static stability at the expense of freeboard. To improve matters whilst facilitating the currently adopted process, solutions are required that offer additional buoyancy with increased stability. To this end, a solution is proposed here through the addition of sponsons, providing the required level of intact stability and residual floatability/stability, using a typical Ro-Pax. In this paper, a case study is presented to demonstrate the validity of the proposed solution.

Keywords: *damage stability, freeboard, load line, conversion, sponsons*

1. INTRODUCTION

In the Philippines, it has become common practice to overload passenger ferries with additional people carried, leading to a significantly low freeboard, below the ICLL'66 levels. This increases the risk for the people on-board. In order to keep in operation the vessels concerned without compromising safety severely, an immediate solution is required. One of the obvious solutions identified is the addition of buoyancy by increasing the volume of the hull with sponsons. There are three categories of ships used in the region, namely: old vessels about to be withdrawn from service; the second-hand IMO Tier-II compliant ships (with solid ballast); and the new-built IMO Tier-III compliant vessels (IMO, 2015). This paper focuses on the second category and a case study of the stability upgrade process, using an existing Ro-Pax as a basis, which has already undergone modifications involving the addition of partial decks and other items, aiming at increasing her payload. The extent of modification required to restore vessel floatability and residual stability to satisfactory levels is indicative of

the level of risk of these vessels and of the need to take action.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

There are currently approximately 7,000 islands in the Philippines. They are served by ferries providing vital links for trade, communities and tourism. Nearly a billion ferry passenger journeys were conducted in 2013 in South East Asia, according to INTERFERRY. The reason for the concern being raised about domestic ferries is the thousands of lives lost at sea on a yearly basis because of the level of risk inherent in these vessels and the ignorance of people on how unsafe they really are. An overview of the situation is given by the Worldwide Ferry Safety Association reported over the last 14 years, 163 accidents leading to 17,000 fatalities (from which 50% occurred in China, Philippines, Indonesia and Bangladesh) were recorded. This contradicts with IMO's aim to continuously improve the safety of ships and reduce to acceptable levels the risk to people on board. The latter is the main reason why the regulations in this area must come in line with

the rest of the international shipping (Adamson, 2015).

2.1 Operational Issues

The major issues of the IMO Tier-II compliant vessels used in this area derives from the wish of ship-owners to increase the capacity of their vessels without considering the limiting criteria set at the design stage. The conversion commences as soon as the vessels are bought in order to increase the passenger carrying capacity with the addition of decks. This results to a change of the longitudinal and vertical distribution of weights and therefore solid ballast (concrete in most cases) is added to adjust the trim and improve the upright static stability. This results in an additional increase of the draught, leading to an increased displacement and resistance but most importantly to a significantly reduced freeboard, impacting the reserved buoyancy and the damage stability of the vessel. The extent of this problem is of such magnitude that demands drastic measures and one such measure is proposed here, as described next.

3. CONCEPT DESCRIPTION

The additional structural parts that are considered for the enhancement of buoyancy and stability are sponsons located at each side of the vessel with a ducktail formation at the aft end. Both modifications will affect buoyancy as well as hydrodynamic properties, which with proper consideration could lead to an increase of the propulsive efficiency and, potentially, to a reduction of fuel consumption or to an increase of service speed. The geometry of these appendages is illustrated in figures 1 and 2. Such a solution will allow the removal of the solid ballast. The resulting hull form has sufficient stability as indicated in the following.

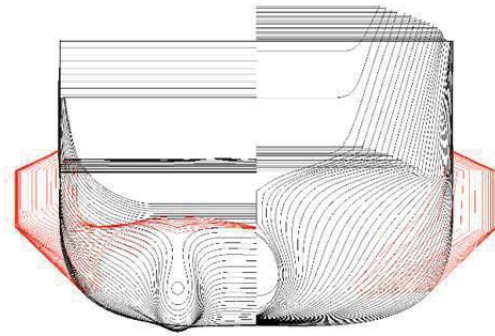


Figure 1 Sponsons with ducktail fitted on the existing hull.

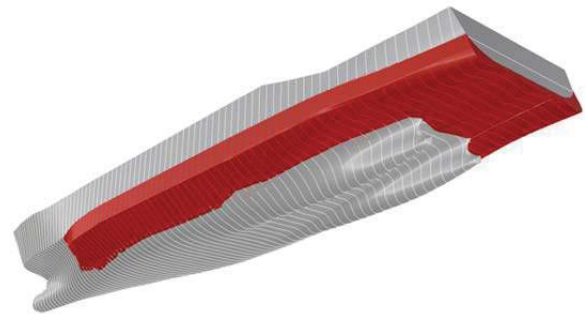


Figure 2 Body plan view of upgraded vessel.

4. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

4.1 Intact stability

For the present case study the regulations of IMO IS Code 2008 concerning the intact stability of passenger ferry ships (IMO, 2008) is used. Full load departure condition is used.

4.2 Damage stability

Regarding damage stability, an investigation is carried out to assess whether the design will comply with the stability requirements of Regulation 8, Chapter II-1 of SOLAS 1974, SOLAS 88 Amended / II-1 / Reg. 8, for Ships Constructed from 29-4-1990 to 1-10-1994 (IMO, 1988).



The damage case particulars (size) are determined in accordance with the extent of damage in SOLAS 1974. Thus, the worst case 1-compartment damage scenario is considered, involving the engine room and the RoRo deck flooded in full-loaded departure.

5. CASE STUDY

For the calculations performed, a second-hand Ro-Pax ship operating in the Philippines that complies with IMO Tier-II was selected as sample for the comparison before/after the upgrade proposed in this paper.

5.1 Existing ship

This vessel has undergone a number of modifications, as described next:

- 1) Reinforcements to the freeboard deck to accommodate the new stowage layout and installation/relocation of new fixed cargo securing device;
- 2) Re-plating of the opening of the upper deck (mid-portion in way of ramp) to accommodate additional passengers. Installation of additional side structures P/S. Installation of additional comfort rooms between frames 15-25 P/S. Cropping out dining tables (inside and outside) and replacement with double bed bunks. Cropping out of seats between frames 90-100 and replacement with double bed bunks;
- 3) "A Deck" was extended from frame 30 going aft and relocation of inflatable life raft. The conversion of the open space in passenger area was made by installing double bed bunks as well as addition of new cabins on both sides of the vessel. Passenger walkways were created from frame 10-60 P/S along with a passenger ramp (aft) P/S.

- 4) The navigation bridge deck was extended afterwards from frame 72 to frame 30 and tables and chairs were installed as well as re-installation of lifeboat and davits.
- 5) Solid ballast was added in the double bottom at the fore end (in Void No. 3 & Void No. 4 to reduce the trim to acceptable levels and reduce the vertical centre of gravity.

5.2 Upgraded ship

The proposed upgrades according to the present proposal are as follows:

- 1) Removal of the solid ballast from the double bottom.
- 2) Installation of sponsons. Both the added buoyancy and their structural weight were taken into account
- 3) Extension of the sponsons to the aft end in order to form a ducktail, helping the adjustment of the trim, the increase of buoyancy and stability.

5.3 Ship particulars

The main vessel's particulars before and after the proposed changes are illustrated in table 1 below:

Table 1
Ship's particulars

	Existing Ship	Upgraded Ship
Length (O.A.)	86.90 m	86.90 m
Length (P.P.)	74.00 m	74.00 m
Breadth (mld)	14.00 m	17.18 m
Depth (mld)	10.20/5.50 m	10.20/5.50 m
Draught (designed)	4.35 m	4.02 m
Main engine	3,500 x 2 PS	3,500 x 2 PS



	Existing Ship	Upgraded Ship
Speed (trial max)	15 knots (average)	>15 knots (average)
Passenger Capacity	516 P	516 P
Crew	53 P	53 P
Container Capacity	30 units – 10 ft. van	30 units – 10 ft. van

As seen in table 1, the increase of breadth resulted in draught reduction. The number of passengers is the same for both cases, which is an attractive feature for the ship-owner.

5.4 Lightship calculations of the upgraded ship

The authors examined a number of different sponson sizes before deciding on the configuration presented here. The lightship weight is acquired from the existing stability booklet and the data from the inclined experiment performed following the initial conversion of the sample vessel.

Table 2
Lightship calculations

	Mass (t)	LCG (m)	LCG MOM (tm)	VCG (m)	VCG MOM (tm)
Lightship	1805.72	-5.89	-10632.1	7.16	12936.2
Permanent Ballast Void No.3	-53.00	19.37	-1026.61	2.08	-110.24
Permanent Ballast Void No.4	-38.31	14.98	-573.88	0.74	-28.35
Sponsons	76	-12.72	-966.72	3.67	278.92
Total	1881.72	-6.164	-11599	7.023	13215

5.5 Stability analysis

The initial ship hullform was modelled in Maxsurf[®] (Bentley, 2014) and the resulting

hydrostatics properties were compared with the original, showing only minor differences. Following this, the geometry of the sponsons was attended to and the resulting hull form was analysed.

The results indicate that the intact stability of the vessel following the installation of sponsons is improved. However, due to the removal of the permanent ballast from the forward part of the vessel, the trim increases. On the other hand, the damage stability of the vessel is significantly improved with the volume acquired from the sponsons contributing to the buoyancy, especially at the aft end. The increased waterplane area leads to an increase of the metacentric height, resulting to compliance with all the required stability regulations. The data for intact and damage stability at the full load condition are shown in table 3.

Table 3
Intact full load condition calculations

	Existing Ship	Upgraded Ship
Draught amidships, m	4.348	4.021
Displacement, t	2739	2723
Volume (displaced) m ³	2671.87	2656.95
Trim (+ve by stern), m	0.434	0.592
LCB from amidsh.(+ve aft), m	3.492	4.462
LCF from amidsh.(+ve aft), m	7.282	8.468
KG fluid m	6.207	6.293
GMt corrected m	0.939	4.372
Immersion (TPC) tonne/cm	9.060	10.769

As seen in table 3, the displacement for the upgraded ship is reduced as the weight of the sponsons is smaller than the weight of the solid ballast removed. The trim shows a minor increase but the draught amidships reduces. Noticeable changes are the increase of the TPC and the shift of LCF and LCB towards the aft end. There is, obviously, a marked improvement in GM.

In table 4 below the respective results are presented for damage of the engine room at full load condition according to Regulation 8, Chapter II-1 of SOLAS 1974, SOLAS 88 Amended / II-1 / Reg. 8, for Ships Constructed from 29-4-1990 to 1-10-1994 (IMO, 1988):

Table 4
Damage full load calculations

	Existing Ship	Upgraded Ship
Draught Amidships, m	5.264	4.712
Displacement, t	2739	2723
Volume (displaced), m ³	2671.888	2656.948
Trim (+ve by stern), m	0.688	0.627
LCB from amidsh.(+ve aft), m	3.501	4.463
LCF from amidsh.(+ve aft), m	5.852	7.752
KG fluid, m	6.207	6.293
GMt corrected, m	0.768	3.662
Immersion (TPc), tonne/cm	7.533	8.870

In the intact stability calculations performed, both designs comply with the regulations. However, the damage stability of the existing vessel fails to comply with the SOLAS requirements. The results from the upgraded vessel are promising seen on table 5 below albeit an extensive modification. A major impact on the margin line and deck line can be observed.

Table 5
Damage freeboard

Key points	Existing ship Freeboard, m	Upgraded ship Freeboard, m
Margin Line (freeboard pos = -24.03 m)	0.013	0.584
Deck Edge (freeboard pos = -24.03 m)	0.089	0.66
DF point Vent. Head 1	5.698	6.235
DF point Vent. Head 2	5.698	6.235

Table 5 presents a comparison of the damage stability results for both vessels. It is clear that the upgraded vessel meets the criteria

whilst the existing fails to comply with. This is also apparent comparing figures 3 and 4.

Figure 3: GZ curve existing ship

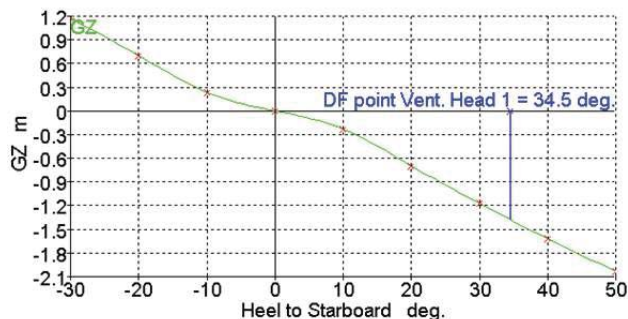
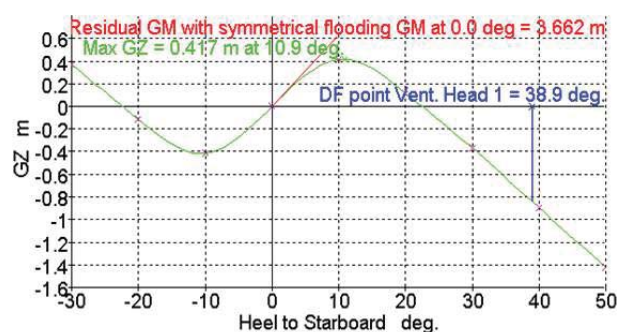


Figure 4: GZ curve upgraded ship



The results demonstrate that the existing ship loses stability in the scenario considered, which involves one-compartment damage. In a real scenario the existing ship will capsize almost instantly following one-compartment damage.

In contrast to the existing ship, the upgraded vessel has a range of positive stability of about 20 degrees. This meets the minimum requirements of damage stability set by SOLAS, namely angle at equilibrium post damage area under the GZ curve as well as residual GM as seen in Tables 5, 6 and 7.

Table 6
Residual freeboard criteria

Criteria	Value	Units	Actual	Status
Heel angle at equilibrium for unsymmetrical flooding - Equil based	7.0	deg	0.0	Pass
Margin line immersion - Equil based	0.000	m	0.584	Pass



Table 7
Damage stability criteria

Criteria	Value	Units	Actual	Status
Range of residual positive stability	15.0	deg	22.4	Pass
Area under residual GZ curve	0.8594	m.deg	5.7613	Pass
Maximum residual GZ (method 2 - manual calc.)	0.100	m	0.417	Pass
Maximum GZ (intermediate stages)	0.050	m	0.417	Pass
Range of positive stability (intermediate stages)	7.0	deg	22.4	Pass
Residual GM with symmetrical flooding	0.050	m	3.662	Pass

6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

From the results presented in this paper the following conclusions may be drawn:

The condition of the existing fleet as represented by the sample ship examined herein is unacceptable, as the vessel has no stability in case of damage. The present study shows that a medium cost conversion could provide a basic level of safety. Similar solutions have been used in Europe to upgrade existing ships in the late 80s and 90s.

Regarding the intact stability of the existing ship, it is clear that the conversion process leading to increased capacity focuses on satisfying stability and freeboard requirements for intact ships and as such it meets pertinent requirements. This is encouraging, as the process adopted, meets the requirements laid down by the Philippine Administration.

For the damage stability, equally interesting and worth noting is that freeboard requirements are also satisfied for the converted ship, even though the Philippines Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR) are not explicit enough when it comes to damaged ships. However, the ship has no damage stability whatsoever and this is the heart of the whole problem.

On the contrary, for the upgraded ship following the addition of sponsons the vessel intact stability has been further enhanced, meeting the requisite criteria with considerable margin.

Regarding damage stability, the addition of sponsons and ducktail bring the required effect on damage stability, perhaps with some further adjustment on the trim still required, which will be easily achieved with a more in-depth study following due optimization process. The size of the sponsons is indicative of the degree of non-compliance and the perilous situation resulting from the conversion process of the RoRo tonnage imported in Philippines and then converted to increase carrying capacity.

The key problem leading to this situation is lack of damage stability regulations in PMMRR, which should be attended to with immediate effect to apply to all existing and any newly imported or constructed ships.

Sponsons are not a panacea. They provide the additional buoyancy required for the sought out increase in payload whilst providing the platform to meet damage stability requirements as apply in international regulations. Should this solution proved to be infeasible due to financial or other reasons there are alternative solutions that could be considered. However, leaving the current fleet in the situation that it currently is, is not an option that should be accommodated any longer.

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8. APPENDIX I

NOMENCLATURE

Units	The metric system is used
Shell plating	The shell plate thickness used in the calculations
Keel	The thickness of the keel plate
Draught	The draught T used in the calculations is measured from the baseline at $L_{pp}/2$.
Base Line	The base line of the ship is the upper side of the keel plate
DISP	Tabulated displacements are measured on the outside of the shell plating
AP	Aft Perpendicular
FP	Forward Perpendicular
L_{pp}	Length between perpendiculars
KMT	Transverse metacentric height at zero angle of heel measured from the baseline
LCB	Longitudinal position of centre of buoyancy measured from midship
LCF	Longitudinal position of centre of floatation measured from midship
TPC	Tonnes Per Centimetre. i.e., weight which when added or subtracted will change the draught by one centimetre.
MCT	Longitudinal moment required to change trim by one centimetre
T	Draught amidships, measured from the upper side of the keel plate at $L_{pp}/2$.
T_{aft}	Moulded draught measured at AP
T_{fwd}	Moulded draught measured at FP

TRIM TRIM aft is positive when t_{aft} is larger than t_{fwd} i.e. the ship has an aft trim;
TRIM is negative when t_{fwd} is larger than t_{aft} i.e. the ship has a forward trim.

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The Evolution of the Formula for Estimating the Longitudinal Extent of Damage for the Hull of a Small Ship of the Transitional Mode

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SUMMARY

Old and new requirements of the High Speed Craft Code, and the methods of some researchers for calculating the damage length for a ship's hull, are considered in this article. Damage occurs more often in small vessels than in large vessels. Collisions between ships and ship's grounding are two of the main reasons for the loss of ships. The damage to the vessel is determined, for the worst case scenario. Long and narrow damage ("raking"), which absorbs the kinetic energy of the vessel, is the worst case scenario. Small high speed craft were selected for analysis. This article describes the requirements of the High Speed Craft Code related to high-speed vessels. Small vessels of the transitional mode are a category of high-speed vessels, as operated at relative velocities $1 \leq Fr_V \leq 3$, where $Fr_V = \frac{v}{\sqrt[3]{V}}$ - the Froude number based on volume. The formula for calculating the length of the possible damage of hull should take into account data on the material, the thickness of the plating, the width of the damage, the vessel's speed and its displacement. This paper proposes a comparative analysis of the size of the possible length of the hull damage, which has been calculated using different methods. The formula for calculating damages is proposed for small high speed vessels, but is possible to use this formula to other types of ships.

1. INTRODUCTION

Ships of the transitional mode belong to the category of high-speed vessels, because they are operated at relative velocities $1 \leq Fr_V \leq 3$. In the High Speed Craft Code 1994 [1]: "High speed craft" is defined as a craft capable of maximum speed (m/s) equal to or exceeding: $v_{max} \geq 3,7V^{0,1667}$, where V is the displacement corresponding to the design waterline (m^3). After the transformation of the Froude number, velocity is $v = 3,13Fr_V^{0,1667}$. From this inequality and the equation, it can be concluded that the vessel is at high speed at $Fr_V \geq 1,18$. The term "small" ship of the transitional mode is defined in article [2] and in accordance with the data of this work such vessels have lengths less than 40 m and a displacement less than 190 t. These data were

obtained on the basis of the requirements of the strength of the vessel, vertical accelerations, the optimal relative dimensions of the high-speed vessel and the comparison of two energies: the energy of the moving ship and the energy of the sea wave. The causes of the loss of ships remain steady over the years [3]. In this paper, several types of the collisions are considered: collisions between ships and the ship's grounding. These are the two main causes of loss of ships; accounting for 10.3% and 33.1% of annual losses respectively. For small ships, the probability of damage is three times more, than for large ships. It is necessary to consider the data and methods, which are offered by different researchers, for calculation of the length of the possible damage of the hull of small high speed ship, as a result of collisions with an undersea object.



2. THE DATA ON POSSIBLE EXTENT OF DAMAGE

One of the variants in calculating the extent of damage was offered by W. Hovgaard [4]. He noted that the length of damage, caused by blast of the torpedo, ranges from 8 to 17 m. The average length of the damage is taken as 11 m. According to the IMO data the average length of damage is: for vessels less than 70 m. - 2.5 m; for vessels (70-108 m.) - 6.2 m; for vessels (109-131 m.) - 7.8 m; for vessels (132-145 m.) - 9.5 m; for vessels with a length over 145 m. - 11.8 m. This information does not take into account the speed of the vessel [5].

The HSC Code [1] proposes a possible length of bottom or side damage equal to 10% of the length of the vessel, L , or $3m + 0.03L$, or 11 meters, whichever is the least. For a large passenger vessel (category "B" craft), which, after the flooding of one compartment retains the capability to navigate safely, there is a requirement to increase the possible length of the bottom damage by 50%, in the case of damage to the bow of the vessel.

This Code [1] defines two types of vessels. These categories are listed below in a short form. "Category A craft" is high-speed passenger craft operating on a route with high probability of the evacuation at any points of the route all passengers and crew. They can be rescued with the time to prevent persons in survival craft from exposure causing hypothermia or 4 hours and carrying not more than 450 passengers. "Category B craft" is any high-speed passenger craft other than a category "A" craft.

The length of the damage, according to the formula $l_d = 3m + 0.03L$, for a vessel with length 145 m, is equal to 7.4 m. This value corresponds to the Hovgaard's assumptions. Information about the speed of the ship, hull material, thickness of the plating and the width of the damage is absent in these data.

Some of the accidents which occurred with the high-speed vessels have shown that damage equal to 10% of the length of the ship did not give a good picture of the damage. The paper [6] demonstrated more probability of full length damage, for craft with length about 60 m, than for craft with length about 30 m. In this paper, the researchers took into account the material of the hull, the speed of the ship and others parameters. The proposals for predicting the extent of the damage to the hull in a collision with an underwater object have been developed. It is noted that the main difficulty in the theoretical analysis of the probable collision is the choice of scenario for the events. It is shown that the length of the relative damage for high-speed vessels is several times greater than for conventional vessels.

Some variants of the characteristics of possible damage are described below [6]. The long and narrow damage ("raking") is driven by the kinetic energy of the ship. The wide damage after collision with a rock is driven by the kinetic energy of the ship also. After this type of damage the ship may be lifted vertically. Side damage will occur after incorrect maneuvering. The driving energies for this damage process are the wind and the waves. The greatest length of the damage will be in the first variant. In this paper, a formula for determining the length of possible damage, which includes the kinetic energy of the vessel and the "raking" force, is proposed, but this proposition does not contain practical guidance for calculating the length of the damage based on different hull materials, plating thickness and damage width.

In the HSC Code [7] there is a new assumption about the possible length of the side damage equal to $l_d = 0.75V^{1/3}$ or $(3\text{ m} + 0.225V^{1/3})$, or 11 m, whichever is the least. V - volume of displacement corresponding to the design waterline (m^3). The main difference between new and old rules is the use in calculating formulas of volume of displacement instead of the length.

Any part of the hull is considered to be vulnerable to raking damage if it's in contact with the water at speed in smooth water and it also lies below two planes which are perpendicular to the craft middle line plane and at heights as shown in figure 1.

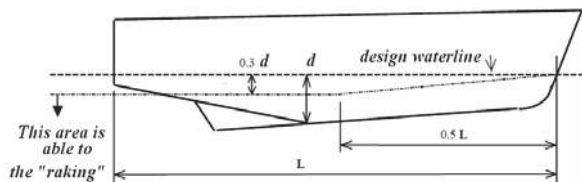


Figure 1. The area vulnerable to “raking”.

Two different longitudinal extents are considered. The first is 55% of the length, measured from the forward point of the underwater volume. The second is a percentage of the length, applied anywhere in the length of the craft, equal to 35%. For craft with length less than 50 m the extent equal to $(L/2 + 10) \%$. In areas not vulnerable to “raking”, the damage must be taken to be the same as for the sides.

V.U.Minorsky, in work [8], suggests that the length of the damage can be calculated by the formula, $l_d = a\sqrt{dE}$, a - the coefficient of the local strength of the damaged vessel, dE - the energy of the collision. These calculations using this formula are based on the collision with two ships. In an accident that occurs due to contact with an underwater object and ship, calculations with these formulas are difficult.

3. THE METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE LENGTH OF POSSIBLE DAMAGE FOR THE HULL OF A HIGH-SPEED VESSEL

The force of the resistance of the hull material can be written as:

$$R = E \frac{l_d}{L} bt \quad (1)$$

where E - Young's modulus, kN/m^2 ; b - the width of the damage, m ; t - the thickness

of the plating, m ; l_d - the length of the damage, m .

The kinetic energy of the vessel is equal to the work of the resistance of the hull's material, at the part of the vessel.

$$\frac{mv^2}{2} = Rl_d \quad (2)$$

Some ship's hull can not be damaged, after collision, but it is better to consider a more dangerous case, with damage. The case of cutting the plating of the vessel, without the effect of frames, has more dangerous, because it would lead to greater damage length.

In these calculations it is assumed that the engine is stopped and the speed of the vessel at the end of the process equals to zero. A variant of the collision is contact with an underwater object, “raking”.

$$l_d = \sqrt{\frac{mv^2 L}{2Eb}} \quad (3)$$

where m - the mass of the ship, t ; v - the speed, m/sec ; L - the length of the ship, m .

For example, the calculation of the possible length of the damage of high-speed vessel, with relative speed $Fr_v = \frac{v}{\sqrt{g\lambda/V}} = 1.6$, the width of

the damage is 0,01 m; length of ship 40 and 60 m were made, Figure 2 (formula).

The results of calculations by different methods are presented, Figure 2.

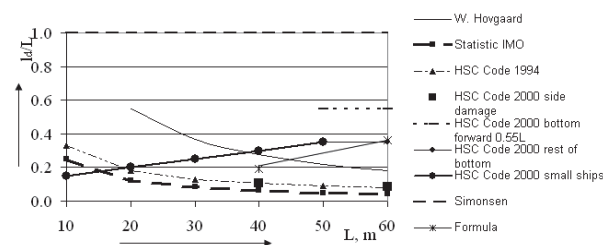


Figure 2. The relative length of the damage $l = \frac{l_d}{L}$ and the ship length.

The proposed scheme, for calculating the length of the damage, can be applied to vessels of various designs: with a double bottom and without it. Vessels may have restrictions



navigation area, and may not have [9]. Proposed formula makes it possible to determine the length of damage to ships with different materials and different Froude number based on volume. The following tables show the calculations for the vessel, which has steel, aluminum alloy or wood hull. The athwartships girth of damage are 7 m [10], $0,2v^{1/3}$ [7] и 0.01 m. The last value corresponds approximately to the average thickness of the shell plating of the ship and in the case of landing on an underwater obstacle, which has the same width; this obstacle will be damaged rather than the vessel's hull. For example, the calculations of possible length of the damage for vessel with length 60 m, at the relative speeds 1.6 and 3, with different hull's materials (steel, aluminium alloy, wood) were made, figures 3 and 4.

$Fr_V = 1.6$		Material		
		steel	alum. alloy	wood
The athwartships girth of damage is 7 m	m	0,8	1,1	2,1
	$l = \frac{l_d}{L}$	0,01	0,02	0,04
The athwartships girth of damage is $0,2v^{1/3}$ m	m	1,6	2,2	4,2
	$l = \frac{l_d}{L}$	0,03	0,04	0,07
The athwartships girth of damage is 0,01 m	m	21,7	29,1	56,1
	$l = \frac{l_d}{L}$	0,36	0,48	0,94

Figure 3. The length of the damage,

$$Fr_V = \frac{v}{\sqrt{g^3 V}} = 1.6.$$

$Fr_V = 3$		Material		
		steel	alum. alloy	wood
The athwartships girth of damage is 7 m	m	1,53	2,1	4,0
	$l = \frac{l_d}{L}$	0,03	0,03	0,07
The athwartships girth of damage is $0,2v^{1/3}$ m	m	3,0	4,1	7,9
	$l = \frac{l_d}{L}$	0,05	0,07	0,13
The athwartships girth of damage is 0,01 m	m	40,6	54,2	60
	$l = \frac{l_d}{L}$	0,68	0,9	1,0

Figure 4. The length of the damage,

$$Fr_V = \frac{v}{\sqrt{g^3 V}} = 3.$$

The formula (3) can be used for small high speed vessels, but is possible to use this formula to other types of ships.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The length of damage significantly depends on the hull's material and the width of the damage. For a high speed vessel collision with an underwater object is the most probable. The formula for calculating the length of the possible damage, that takes into account data on the material, the thickness of the plating and the width of the damage, can give more accurate data on the extent of the damage. Until now, such a differentiated method for the determination of the extent of the ship's hull damage have not been used.

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Parametric Rolling of the Tumblehome Hull using CFD

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ABSTRACT

Parametric rolling is one of the five failure modes introduced by the draft amendments to IMO's 2008 IS Code. The aim of this paper is to study the use of CFD for the detection of parametric rolling. The ONR Tumblehome model 5613 was utilised and the simulation was set up using an overset mesh to allow motions to all 6 degrees of freedom. The results were validated against results presented from previous research. A number of different simulations were run and the results are presented and discussed herein.

Keywords: *parametric rolling, tumblehome hull, computational fluid dynamics*

1. INTRODUCTION

The tumblehome hulls main feature is the inward sloping freeboard. This is where the ships beam is wider at the waterline and becomes narrower towards the deck. This is in contrast to conventional flared and wall-sided hull designs.

The design was used heavily in warship design for the French and Russian navies in the early 20th century, the most notable being the Russian cruiser Aurora. However due to the hulls disadvantage in stability compared to other vessels, the hull design was eventually discontinued from mainstream vessels.

However with recent developments and a greater knowledge of ship stability and behaviour in certain sea environments, the Tumblehome Hull has returned to development in the form of a Naval Combatant.

The main reason for its return to service is due to its stealth capability and its wave-piercing bow. Though there has been a huge development of ship behaviour in different sea-types, for stability it has been noted that the Tumblehome is still at a disadvantage (Hashimoto, 2009).

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Stability Issues

As the Tumblehome hull heels over, the waterplane area decreases resulting in the metacentric height decreasing. Therefore, though the GZ curve increases initially with heel angle, it very quickly begins to decrease reaching the angle of vanishing stability. Additionally with a lower metacentric height, the righting arm will be smaller, taking it longer for the hull to recover to its upright position (Hashimoto, 2009).

2.2 Parametric Rolling

A symmetrical ship moving in head seas is expected to have pitch, heave and surge motions according to the linear theory, but no roll. However due to non-linear effects, roll motions can occur at certain encounter frequencies due to a combination of external and internal factors. This phenomenon is called "auto parametrically excited motion" or "parametric motion" in short to indicate that the motion is the result the periodic variation of certain parameters of the oscillating system

rather than the outcome of a time-varying external force (France, 2001). Once this roll motion has commenced, it can grow to large amplitudes (see Figure 1) and in extreme cases, may result in the loss of the vessel.

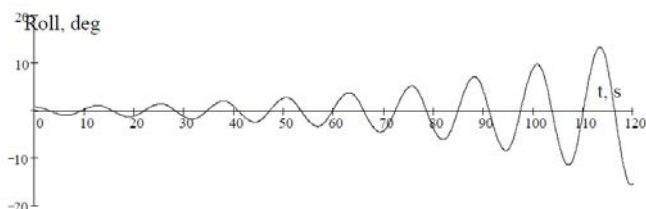


Figure 1. Parametric roll resonance (ABS, 2004)

Due to the restoring force of the tumblehome being smaller than comparable ships, it is therefore more susceptible to parametric rolling.

2.3 Criteria for Parametric Rolling

For Parametric Rolling to occur, the following conditions should be satisfied with the ship moving in pure head or following long-crested seas (France, 2001):

- The wave encounter period is approximately one-half the ships natural roll period
- The wave length is in the order of ship's length (0.8 to 2 times of LBP)
- The wave damping is below a certain threshold
- The wave height is above a certain threshold level

As the wave moves along the ship, the mean GM is smaller than conventional hullforms. Due to the relationship $\omega_n = \sqrt{(\Delta \cdot GM / (I + A))}$, the effective natural frequency for parametric rolling to occur is smaller. Therefore the ship will encounter parametric rolling at low forward speeds. This is important, as roll damping is smaller at slower forward speeds, therefore the best course of action to avoid the phenomenon is to increase speed (McCue, 2007).

The IMO Second Generation Intact Stability criteria are developed in order to take into account stability failures that are not sufficiently covered in the 2008 Intact Stability code. The second generation criteria assess the vulnerability of the ship to parametric rolling as well as pure loss of stability on the wave crest, excessive accelerations, dead ship condition and Surfriding and broaching (Kruger, 2013).

There are various levels to investigate if a ship is vulnerable to parametric rolling resulting in a loss of stability. The Level 1 criterion is a conservative approach and involves a relatively simple calculation that the ship has to meet to show it is not vulnerable to the parametric rolling stability failure mode. It involves the variation of GM as the wave moves along the ship. If the criterion is not met in level 1, the ship in question should then be subjected to a more detailed assessment where it is required to meet the criteria for Level 2 criteria (Liu, 2014). If the ship fails to satisfy these criteria, then methods for the direct assessment of the stability of the vessels should be applied (Level 3).

2.4 Computer Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Computational Fluid Dynamics approach can be a very useful tool for the study of the parametric rolling susceptibility of ships and a valid direct stability assessment (Level 3) method (Hosseini, 2011; IMO-SDC 2/INF.7, 2014). The software Star-CCM+ (CD-Adapco, 2015) was the tool used in the present study. The domain definition is shown in Figure 2.

It has had a positive response and is accredited for its ease of use by clients from across the industry. It has a user-friendly interface due to the automation of many functions and has many features that enable the program to tackle problems with complex shapes, such as the Tumblehome hull with its inward shaped bow.

It is capable of modelling Eulerian Multiphase, required for the interaction of the fluids air and water due to waves. It is also capable of simulating fifth order waves that are more representative of a real-life wave-pattern (CD-Adapco, 2015).

2.5 Overset mesh

In order to allow the ship to roll while encountering head waves, an overset mesh was required (see Figure 2).

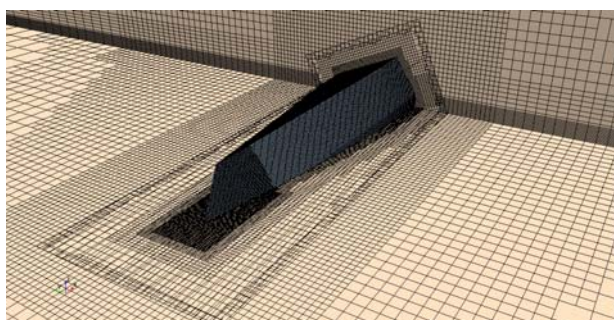


Figure 2. Rotated Overset Mesh

The domain (see Figure 3), where the simulation would take place was split in two; the fixed background was fixed and contained the freesurface and the overset containing the ship and was able to move as required in 6DOF. Both these meshes were able to interact allowing realistic waves and ship movements.

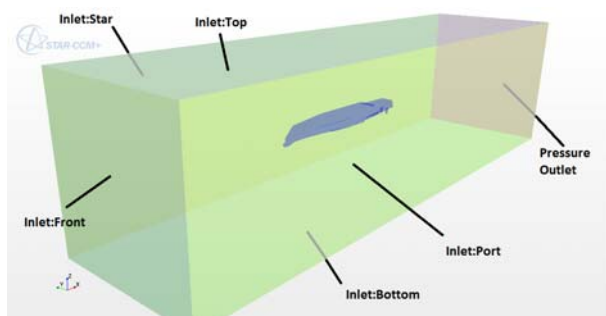


Figure 3. Domain definition

2.6 ONR Tumblehome model

The model used for the study was the ONR Tumblehome Hull model 5613 that was

developed by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCCD) for ONR. (Bishop, 2005, Bassler, 2007)

The model used was based off the hull DDG-51, which is approximately half the size of the DDG-1000 Zumwalt Class. The tumblehome freeboard is angled inward 10 degrees from the vertical (Bishop, 2005).

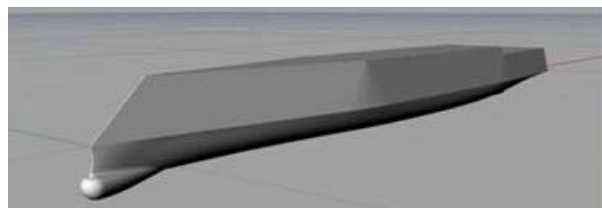


Figure 4. ONR Tumblehome Model without Bilge Keels

The dimensions used for the ONR Tumblehome hull are given in Table 1. For the

Table 1. Main Particulars of ship and model

	Full-Scale (15C, SW)		1/32 Model-Scale (20C, FW)	
Lpp	154 m	505 ft	481 cm	15.8 ft (189.6 in)
Beam	18.8 m	61.7 ft	58.8 cm	1.93 ft (23.2 in)
L/B	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Max. Depth	14.5 m	47.6 ft	45.3 cm	1.49 ft (17.8 in)
Max. Freeboard	9.00 m	29.5 ft	28.1 cm	0.92 ft (11.1 in)
Draft	5.50 m	18.0 ft	17.2 cm	0.56 ft (6.77 in)
Displacement	8790 tonnes	8650 LT	261 kg	575 Lbs
LCB (aft of FP)	79.6 m	261 ft	249 cm	8.16 ft
VCB (above BL)	3.26 m	10.7 ft	10.2 cm	0.33 ft (4.01 in)
KM _T	9.74 m	32.0 ft	30.4 cm	1.00 ft (12.0 in)

simulation, the 1/32 model scale was utilised.

For the numerical simulations, the bilge keels were removed as can be seen in Figure 4. This was because they would produce a damping force that would prevent the occurrence of parametric rolling and it will also increase the meshing requirements around them.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Initial assessment

The full scale model was imported into the Maxsurf Stability software, (Bentely, 2014) where the position of the centre of gravity was

inputted along with the parameters of the wave. The program was used in order to calculate the change in GM as the wave passes by the hullform. This change in GM (ΔGM) was used for the calculation of the Level 1 Vulnerability Criteria for Parametric Rolling. A ship was considered not to be vulnerable to the parametric rolling stability failure mode if (IMO SDC 2/WP.4, 2014):

$$(\Delta GM)/GM \leq R_{pr} \quad (1)$$

The result was $(\Delta GM)/GM=0.37$ and $R_{pr}=0.17$, demonstrating the tumblehome hull without its bilge keels is failing the first criteria, making that the ship vulnerable to parametric rolling.

3.2 Simulation Setup

The simulation was run using an allocated 36 cores over two cycles taking approximately 48.3 hrs for a simulation time of 70 seconds. Therefore 1738.8 CPU hrs were required with each of the 35,000 iterations taking 2.98 minutes per iteration to complete. The ARCHIE-WeSt state-of-the art High Performance Computer was used for the runs (ARCHIE-WeSt, 2015) The hardware used includes Dell C6100 servers with Dual Intel Xeon X5650 2.66 GHz CPU's (6 cores each), having a RAM of 48 GB, linked by 4xQDR Infiniband Interconnect.

In total about 5 million cells were required to build up the simulation with 1.8 million cells required for the background domain and 2.9 million cells for the overset mesh. The file size was 2GB.

3.3 Wave Conditions and Ship's speed

The conditions used in the simulation were known to result in parametric rolling. They were set up as follows; the full scale wave encounter frequency was 0.8 rad/s, 4.6 rad/s in model scale. The waveheight in full scale of was 7.5m and 0.234m in model scale. The full

scale wavelength was 154m, which resulted in 4.8125m in model scale. Finally, the Froude Number was 0.106.

3.4 Initiating roll

Due to the ship travelling in headwaves, rolling will not occur unless there is an initiating event. Two methods were used to initiate the roll motions of the ship. The first method involved the ship positioned in its upright position with an initial angular velocity of 0.1 rad/s exerted onto the model.

The second method again involved the ship in its upright position but involved a small shift of the transverse centre of gravity by 0.00156m to starboard.

When the model was released within the simulation after 0.5 seconds, both these methods would result in the ship rolling and parametric rolling would commence if the criteria for it to occur were met.

4. PARAMETRIC ROLLING WITH ANGULAR VELOCITY METHOD

4.1 Roll Motion

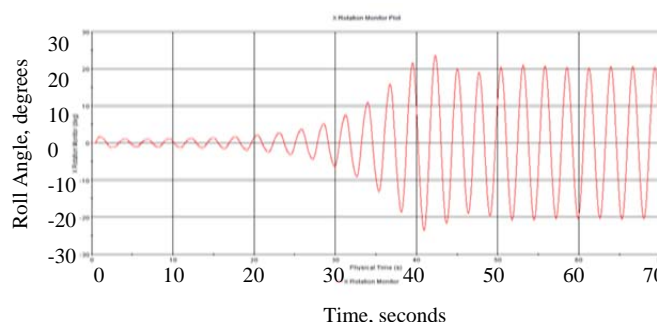


Figure 5. Parametric Rolling Pitch

It was found that the period between oscillations was 2.7s. This is double the wave encounter period of 1.35s, thus demonstrating that the ships motions meets the first criteria of parametric rolling as described in the above literature review (see Figure 5).

The first oscillation reached a peak heel angle of 1.75 degrees due to the initial angular velocity of 0.1 rad/s. The roll motion damped slightly with the following roll amplitude being ± 1 degree. Over the next 20 seconds the roll amplitude for the following 6 oscillations remained relatively steady, increasing gradually over that time to an amplitude of ± 2 degrees. The roll amplitude began to increase substantially with the 9th oscillation plotting a peak roll angle of 2.75 degrees, 10th – 3.5 degrees, 11th – 5.25 degrees, 12th – 7.5 degrees, 13th – 10.8 degrees, 14th – 14.75 degrees, 15th – 21.5 degrees and 16th – 23.5 degrees. For the 17th oscillation onwards, the roll amplitude damped down to an average of 20 degrees where it remained constant for the remainder of the simulation.

This demonstrated that after 45 seconds from the initial angular velocity, the ship encountered steady parametric rolling.

It is noted that with a GM of 1.5m, the vanishing angle of the Tumblehome hull is 64 degrees, therefore these parametric roll motions alone will not result in the loss of the vessel.

4.2 Pitch Motion

The values of pitch are initially large. However this can be explained by the simulation converging and the shock of the model being released as the subsequent pitch angles after 7.5 seconds had an average amplitude of 2.57 degrees (see Figure 6).

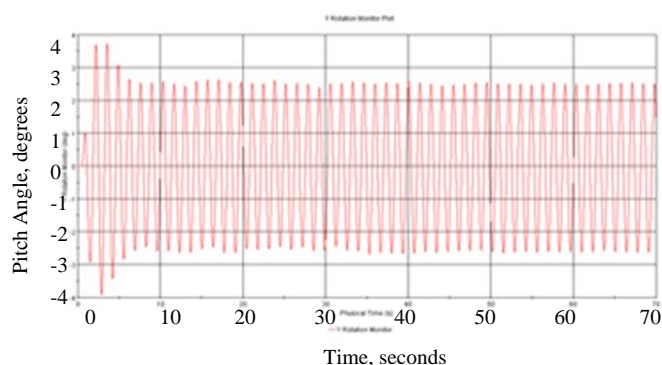


Figure 6. Parametric Rolling - Pitch

It was noted that the average peak pitch was 2.548 degrees while the average trough pitch was -2.587 degrees. Though the difference is 1.5% it does suggest the Tumblehome is following the pattern of diving rather than being lifted over the wave.

The large angles of pitch are coupled with the large angles of roll encountered during the parametric motion.

It is also noted that the pitch period was 1.36s, which is 4.61rad/s or 0.8 rad/s in full scale. This is identical to the encounter period of the wave, suggesting that pitch is dependent on the period of the wave.

4.3 Heave Motion

The heave amplitude of the model was 0.0275m, 0.88m in full scale. The ship heaved around a position of 0 to 0.02m throughout the simulation reaching an average value of 0.02m after 15s before stabilising at 0.01m (see Figure 7).

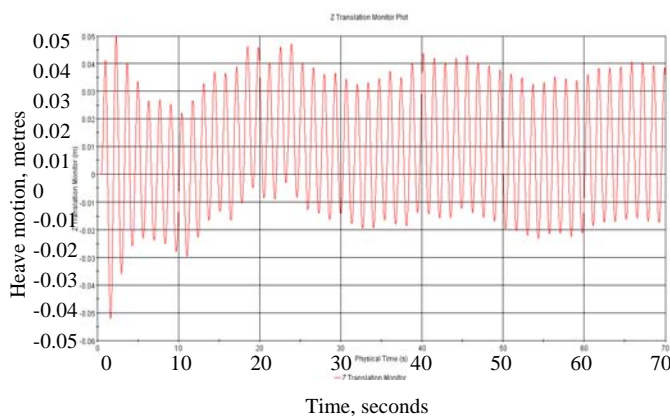


Figure 7. Parametric Rolling - Heave

This motion suggests that the ship is being lifted out the water during the motions of parametric rolling. The heave period was noted to be identical to the pitch and wave encounter period.

5. PARAMETRIC ROLLING WITH DISPLACED TRANSVERSE CENTRE OF GRAVITY

An additional method used to initiate roll in order to promote parametric rolling was moving the centre of gravity off the centreline and to starboard by 0.001486m, 0.0475m in full scale. It would also allow the motions of the ship to be compared with the motions resulted from the previous method.

5.1 Roll

It was again found that the natural roll period of 2.7 seconds was double that of the wave encounter period of 1.35s, confirming that parametric rolling is being detected. (see Figure 8). Parametric rolling became apparent as soon as the ship was released, with the roll amplitude increasing significantly for the first 7 oscillations. After the 8th oscillation, the roll stabilised indicating that the ship had reached its natural roll period with sufficient restoring.

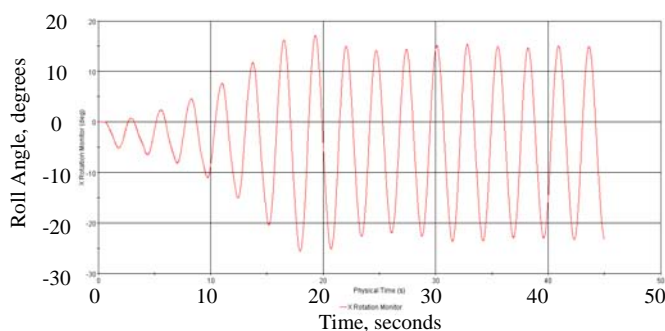


Figure 8. Asymmetric Parametric Motion -
Roll

It was noted that steady parametric rolling is detected 20 seconds quicker in this method with the mass off the centreline than compared to the method with the mass on the centreline and angular velocity used to initiate roll.

The first oscillation rolled around the heel angle of -2.5 degrees and had an amplitude of 2.93deg. This amplitude increased to 4.43deg for the 2nd oscillation, 6.73 degrees - 3rd, 9.27 degrees - 4th, 13.36 degrees - 5th, 18.29 degrees - 6th and 21.35 degrees 7th oscillation.

For the 8th oscillation the roll amplitude decreased to 20.06 degrees and then 18.37 degrees where it remained for the continuation of the simulation.

It was noted that the asymmetry of the roll increased from around -2.27 degrees to an average of -4.3 degrees when the rolling became constant.

The Angular Velocity of roll varies between 9 and -7 rads/s. As the roll velocity is at its maximum, the ship is at its upright position. When the velocity is at 0, the ship is at its maximum heeled angles.

5.2 Pitch

The values of pitch are initially large however this could be put down to the simulation converging and the shock of the model being released as the subsequent pitch angles after 7.5 seconds had an average amplitude of 2.57 degrees (see Figure 9).

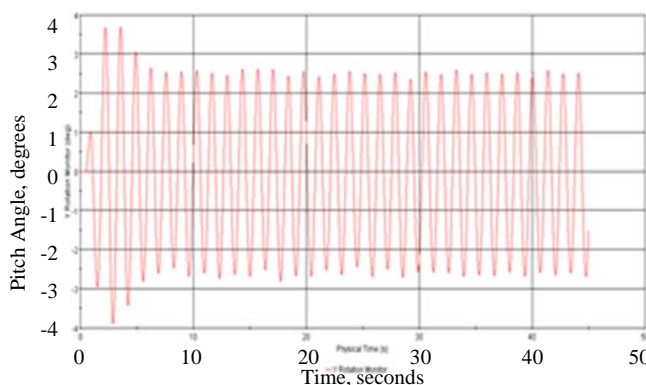


Figure 9. Asymmetric Parametric Motion -
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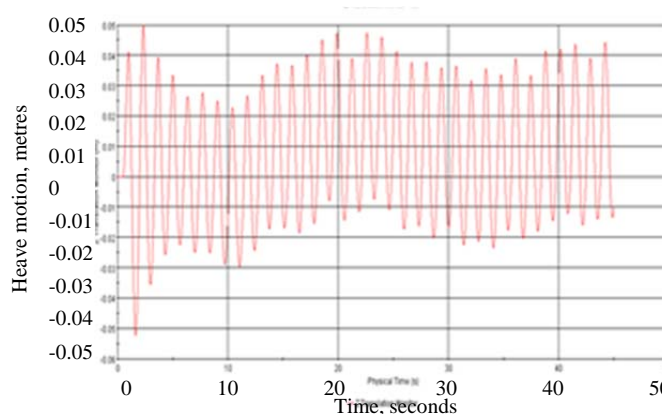


Figure 10. Asymmetric Parametric Motion -
Heave

It was noted that the average peak pitch was 2.548 degrees while average trough pitch is -2.587 degrees. Though the difference is 1.5% it does suggest the Tumblehome is again following the pattern of diving rather than being lifted over the wave. The pitch period was noted to be 1.36s, which is 4.61rad/s.

5.3 Heave

The heave amplitude follows the same small values as the previous simulation and is again coupled with pitch. It is also noted that the heave motions are once more oscillating around a moving average that varies between -0.005m and 0.015m again showing that the ship is lifted out of the water (see Figure 10).

5.4 Comparison with Angular Velocity Method

It is noted that the motions of pitch and heave are very similar, regardless to the method used to initiate the roll. It was noted that in the mass off centre method, the parametric rolling was detected 20 seconds sooner, with the amplitude being slightly smaller at 18.37 degrees instead of the 20 degrees. Additionally with the mass off centre, the roll was subsequently asymmetric.

6. INCREASED SHIP SPEED

To investigate the change in parametric rolling and related motions, the ships velocity was increased to a Froude number of 0.145579, 11 knots in full scale. The wave encounter frequency was subsequently increased to 0.87 rad/s in full scale and 4.97 rad/s in model scale. The roll in this simulation was initiated with the mass off centre method.

6.1 Roll

The average period between oscillations was noted through tabulation to be 2.52 seconds,

double the wave encounter period of 1.265s again demonstrating that the ship motion is meeting the criteria of parametric rolling. (see Figure 11)

The first oscillation rolled around the angle of -2.6 degrees and had an amplitude of 2.26 degrees. This amplitude increased to 2.51 degrees for the 2nd oscillation, 2.92 degrees - 3rd, 3.64 degrees - 4th and 4.69 degrees - 5th oscillation. Though the simulation was only run for 15 seconds, it was apparent that the increase in amplitude was significantly smaller with the amplitude only increasing by 107.5% by the 5th oscillation compared to 355.97% when the ship was travelling at a slower speed.

This corresponds with the literature, indicating that the faster the ship speed, the intensity of parametric rolling is reduced. Therefore, a solution to recover from the motion is to increase the speed of the vessel.

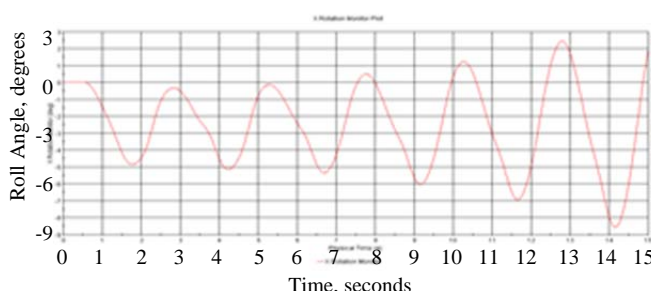


Figure 11. Parametric Motion, Increased Velocity, Roll

It was noted that the asymmetry of the roll for the first oscillation was -2.60 degrees. This increased to -2.65 degrees for the 2nd oscillation, but for the following oscillations, the asymmetry decreased progressively to -2.25 degrees.

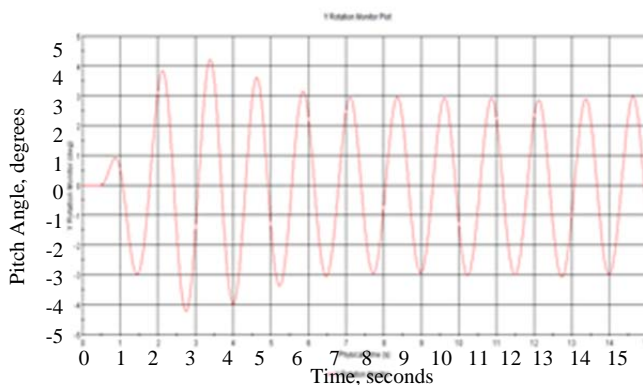


Figure 12. Parametric Motion, Increased Velocity Pitching



6.2 Pitch

It was noted that the pitch amplitude is 15.95% larger than the previous simulation with an amplitude of 2.98 degrees. This suggests that at faster velocities the tumblehome encounters its natural pitch period (see Figure 12).

6.3 Heave

The heave motion amplitude was found to be 0.037m, 1.184m in full scale. This is an increase in amplitude of 48% compared to parametric rolling at a lower speed.

It was noted that the heave motions are oscillating around a moving average that varies between 0.004m and -0.004m for the first 12s before increasing significantly (see Figure 13).

It was noted that though the coupled motion of pitch is larger due to the non-linear motions of roll being reduced, the heave motion is also larger.

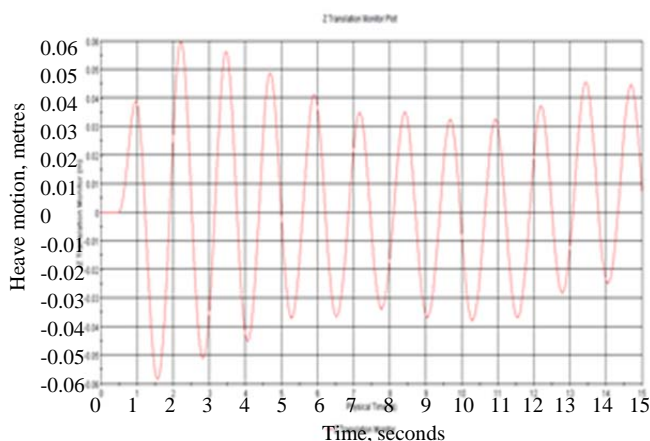


Figure 13. Parametric Motion, Increased Velocity Heaving

7. CONCLUSION

The aims of the study were met whereby using the CFD application Star-CCM+, the non-linear motion of parametric rolling was detected and analysed.

The simulation to find the motion was set-up from scratch using the ONR Tumblehome Model with the bilge keels removed and required an Overset Mesh to allow the essential movements of pitch, heave and roll. The GM for these simulations was set to 1.5m or 0.047m in model scale.

Parametric Rolling was detected at the model scale wave encounter frequency of 4.6 rad/s, Froude number 0.105 and a wave height of 0.234m. It took approximately 45 seconds for steady rolling to occur with an amplitude of 20 degrees. This motion was accompanied with high pitch angles and small heave motions.

It was found that steady parametric rolling occurred 20 seconds quicker when the centre of mass was displaced slightly to starboard than when the mass is above the centreline of the ship, though the roll was asymmetric and the amplitude was smaller at 18.37 degrees.

It was confirmed that when the ship's velocity was increased from 8kn to 11kn, the intensity of parametric rolling decreased substantially with the roll amplitude increasing at a slower rate. This corresponds with other research involving parametric rolling, where a means of avoiding the non-linear phenomenon is to increase speed.

The study has proven that CFD can be a valuable tool for the investigation of this interesting and complex phenomenon and may assist the designers to develop ships "immune" to the risk of parametric rolling.

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ABSTRACT

Broaching is recognized as one of the major causes of ship capsizing in adverse quartering seas. Loss of rudder effectiveness due to rudder emersion is believed to be very important for broaching. Therefore in the paper, a 6-DOF unified model considering sea-keeping motion at low frequency, manoeuvring motion and rudder propeller hydrodynamics is developed for the numerical analysis of broaching of the ITTC ship A2. A modified model of rudder is proposed to account for the effect of wave orbital velocity and the variation of rudder area and aspect ratio. The modified model of rudder is compared with the original model. Then numerical simulations are conducted in different ship speeds and wave heights, and the influence of rudder emersion on broaching motion is investigated. Results show that rudder immersed depth decreases dramatically and rudder inflow velocity is reduced by wave orbital velocity when surf-riding happens. It is also concluded that rudder emersion is the key factor for the emergence of broaching motion. Moreover the influence of rudder emersion seems to take effect only when Froude number is high.

Keywords: *Broaching, Surf-riding, Unified model, Rudder emersion*

1. INTRODUCTION

Ships have much higher possibility of capsizing when sailing in adverse following and quartering seas comparing to head sea condition. Broaching is one of the major causes of capsizing in following and quartering seas. When sailing in astern seas, ship may encounter large wave induced yaw moment and rudder may lose its course-keeping capability. These will cause ship heading to change suddenly and broaching occurs. Broaching often occurs on small ship and naval vessel with high speed. According to IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC), ship is considered to be vulnerable to broaching if $F_n > 0.3$ or $L_{BP} < 200\text{m}$ (IMO SDC, 2014).

Since the pioneering work of Grim (1951) based on analytical formula, researches on surf-riding and broaching are conducted through theoretical analyses (Umeda, 1999; Makov, 1969; Spyrou, 1996), numerical simulations (Umeda & Hamamoto, 2000; Umeda & Hashimoto, 2002; Yu, Ma, & Gu, 2014) and model experiments (Umeda et al., 1999). As an output of these continuous efforts, the amendments to Part B of the 2008 IS code to assess broaching are proposed recently in IMO (IMO SDC, 2014). However as a strongly nonlinear phenomenon, broaching is influenced by various factors and detailed investigation needs to be conducted.



Loss of rudder effectiveness due to rudder and propeller emersion is believed to be an important factor for the occurrence of broaching. Rudder and propeller emersion is observed in free running model experiment when broaching happens (Araki et al., 2012). Renilson (1982) conducted numerical and experimental study on broaching for ship with standard rudder and rudder with 1/2 depth. Rudder force derivatives in wave were considered in a simplified way. Results showed that loss in rudder effectiveness caused by emersion had an important influence on broaching. Furthermore, Umeda & Kohyama (1990) pointed out that propeller thrust coefficient dropped dramatically when surf-riding happened due to high advance coefficients in wave. This could reduce rudder inflow velocity induced by propeller, in turn weakening rudder force. They also mentioned the possible influence of wave orbital velocity and rudder emersion on surf-riding and broaching. Tigkas & Spyrou (2012) conducted steady-state analysis and bifurcation analysis with a 6 DOF model. In the model, loss of rudder effectiveness was considered by changing rudder area and aspect ratio according to its instantaneous draught. However the influence of rudder on broaching was not further discussed in the paper. Araki et al. (2012) proposed a 6-DOF model with a full consideration of rudder and propeller emersion for the broaching prediction of a tumblehome vessel. In the model the unexpected yaw moment caused by the emersion of twin propellers was also taken into account. Through comparison with experiment and 4-DOF numerical simulation results, it showed that rudder and propeller emersions could be a crucial factor for broaching.

However improvements on the modeling of rudder and propeller are still needed for a better understanding of rudder's influence on broaching. Critical factors such as wave orbital velocity, rudder inflow velocity, propeller and rudder wake near free surface and vortex shedding at rudder edge should be considered in the numerical model. Although very few

data is available for loss of rudder effectiveness caused by rudder and propeller emersion, one can be inspired from researches on reduction of rudder performance in ship ballast condition. Experiments show that rudder force coefficients are reduced due to air bubble and wave making on free surface when rudder is out of water (Lu et al., 1981). Flow straightening coefficient and rudder wake differ significantly with different trims (Liu, Huang, & Deng, 2010) while the hull-rudder interaction coefficients differ slightly for different drafts and trims (Nagarajan et al., 2008).

Therefore in order to investigate rudder's influence on broaching, the 6-DOF weakly nonlinear model proposed by Yu, Ma, & Gu (2012) is adopted for the simulation of broaching motion of the ITTC ship A2 in following and quartering seas. The model couples the manoeuvring and seakeeping motion based on the unified theory. Additionally, modelling of rudder and propeller is modified to account for the effect of wave orbital velocity, change of rudder area and aspect ratio and reduction of rudder inflow velocity. Through the analysis of the numerical results, the reduction of rudder steering capability in adverse following and quartering seas and its influence on broaching motion is investigated.

2. MATHEMATICAL MODEL

In the present numerical model, a combined seakeeping and manoeuvring analysis is carried out based on the unified theory. The modelling of rudder is modified to take the effect of rudder emersion into account.

2.1 6-DOF Weakly Nonlinear Model

In the unified model, the manoeuvring motion is simulated using a 3-DOF surge-sway-yaw MMG model:



$$\begin{bmatrix} m - \bar{X}_{\dot{U}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -m + \bar{Y}_{\dot{V}} & -m\bar{x}_G + \bar{Y}_{\dot{R}} \\ 0 & -m\bar{x}_G + \bar{N}_{\dot{V}} & -I_z + \bar{N}_{\dot{R}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{R} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -mR & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{Y}_{\dot{V}} & -mU + \bar{Y}_{\dot{R}} \\ 0 & \bar{N}_{\dot{V}} & -m\bar{x}_G U + \bar{N}_{\dot{R}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_{HO} \\ \bar{Y}_{HO} \\ \bar{N}_{HO} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_{\delta} \\ \bar{Y}_{\delta} \\ \bar{N}_{\delta} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -R(U) \\ +(1-t)T(U) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where m and I represent the ship mass and moment of inertia. u , v , R denote surge, sway and yaw velocity. $(X_{\delta}, Y_{\delta}, N_{\delta})$, $R(U)$ and $T(U)$ are defined as rudder force, ship resistance and propeller thrust respectively. t is the propeller thrust deduction factor. (X_{HO}, Y_{HO}, N_{HO}) is higher order hull hydrodynamic force:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X}_{HO} &= X_{vv}v^2 + X_{vr}vr + X_{rr}r^2 \\ \bar{Y}_{HO} &= Y_{vv}v^2r + Y_{vr}vr^2 + Y_{vv}v^3 + Y_{rr}r^3 \\ \bar{N}_{HO} &= N_{vv}v^2r + N_{vr}vr^2 + N_{vv}v^3 + N_{rr}r^3 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The sea-keeping motion is simulated by a 6-DOF model based on the IRF approach. The equation of motion can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^6 \left[(m_{ij} + a_{ij}(\infty)) \dot{v}_j(t) + \int_0^t R_{ij}(t-\tau) v_j(\tau) d\tau + F_i^{res}(t) \right] \\ = F_i^{FK}(t) + F_i^{dif}(t) + (\bar{K}_{\delta}, \text{ when } i=4) \quad (i=1, \dots, 6) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where m_{ij} and $a_{ij}(\infty)$ stand for the ship mass and the infinite-frequency added mass. The nonlinear restoring forces, F-K forces and diffraction forces are denoted as $F_i^{res}(t)$, $F_i^{FK}(t)$, $F_i^{dif}(t)$ respectively.

According to the IRF approach, the radiation and diffraction forces are calculated in frequency domain by the strip theory and transferred into time domain using the retardation function $R_{ij}(\tau)$. The nonlinear restoring and Froude-Kriloff forces are calculated through pressure integration on instantaneous wetted surfaces. The hull and upper deck consist of several NURBS surfaces are demonstrated in Figure 1.

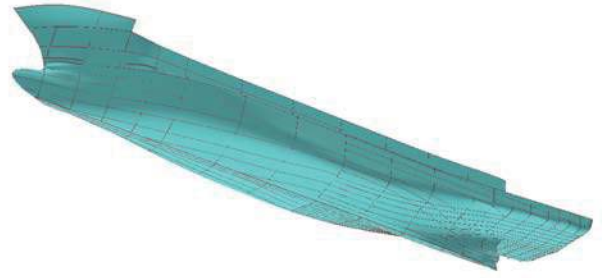


Figure 1 Hull NURBS surface of ITTC ship A2

In the unified model, the manoeuvring and seakeeping models described above are solved in different time scale. The total ship motion is calculated by combining the two motions referring to different coordinate system together:

$$\begin{aligned} [X_T, Y_T, Z_T, \Phi_T, \Theta_T, \Psi_T] &= [x^0, y^0, z^0, \phi^0, \theta^0, \psi^0] \\ &+ \left[\int_0^t U_T dt, \int_0^t V_T dt, \int_0^t W_T dt, \int_0^t P_T dt, \int_0^t Q_T dt, \int_0^t R_T dt \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where the subscript T indicates the total motion, and superscript 0 means the initial value for the time $t=0$.

2.2 Modelling of Rudder and Propeller

The rudder forces and propeller thrust are calculated as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{X}_{\delta} = -0.5(1-t_R) \rho A_R U_R^2 C_N \sin \alpha_R \sin \delta \\ \bar{Y}_{\delta} = -0.5(1+a_H) \rho A_R U_R^2 C_N \sin \alpha_R \cos \delta \\ \bar{N}_{\delta} = -0.5(GR_L + a_H x_H) \rho A_R U_R^2 C_N \sin \alpha_R \cos \delta \\ \bar{K}_{\delta} = -GR \bar{Y}_{\delta} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$$T(U) = \rho K_T D_p^4 n^2$$

where K_{δ} denotes rudder roll moment. A_R , U_R , GR , GR_L indicate the rudder area, the inflow velocity, the vertical and longitudinal distance between center of gravity and point of rudder force. n , D_p , K_T represent the propeller rotation rate, diameter and thrust coefficient.

In order to account for the effect of rudder emersion, the model for rudder forces and moments need to be modified. Firstly rudder

inflow velocity and propeller advance coefficient are modified to incorporate wave orbital velocity:

$$\begin{aligned} U_R &= \sqrt{(u_r + \bar{u}_w)^2 + v_r^2} \\ J_w &= \frac{(1 - \omega_p)U \cos \beta + \bar{u}_w}{nD_p} \\ K_{Tw} &= a_0 + a_1 J_w + a_2 J_w^2 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where u_r , v_r denote the longitudinal and transversal rudder inflow velocity. ω_p , β denote the propeller wake fraction, and ship drift angle. \bar{u}_w is the longitudinal component of mean value wave orbital velocity around rudder as shown in Figure 2:

$$u_w = C_w k A_w e^{kz} \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad (7)$$

where C_w , A_w , k , ω stand for the wave celerity, wave amplitude, wave number and frequency.

Furthermore, the variation of rudder area A_{Rw} , and aspect ratio λ_w due to rudder emersion are obtained from instantaneous wetted surfaces. The rudder force coefficient C_N is still determined by Fujii's prediction formula (Ogawa & Kasai, 1978):

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_w &= h_w / b \\ C_N &= 6.13 \lambda_w / (2.25 + \lambda_w) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where b denotes rudder width. h_w is rudder immersed depth which is calculated from the distance between free surface and rudder bottom considering 6-DOF ship motion as shown in Figure 2.

Due to the limitation of present model, the variation of other factors including hull-rudder interaction coefficients, flow straightening coefficient and rudder wake are not yet taken into account.

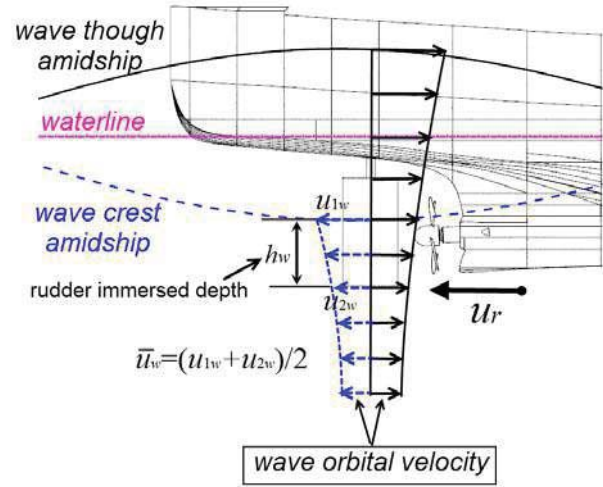


Figure 2 Wave orbital velocity around rudder

3. MODEL VERIFICATION

3.1 Ship Model

The subject ship used for the verification of the weakly nonlinear numerical model accounting for rudder emersion is the ITTC ship A2 fishing vessel (NAOE Osaka University, 2015). Main particulars of the ship and its model are shown in Table 1.

The autopilot system are modeled as follows:

$$T_E \dot{\delta} + \delta = -K_p (\chi - \chi_c) \quad (9)$$

Where the time constant T_E is 0.63s, δ is the rudder angle, $\dot{\delta}$ is rudder rate, χ is the yaw angle, and χ_c is the desired course.

All other data needed for the numerical simulation including hull geometry, hydrodynamic derivatives, rudder and propeller characteristics, roll viscous damping can be found in NAOE Osaka University (2015).



Table 1 Main particulars of ITTC ship A2

Ship		1/15 model
Length between per- pendiculars, L_{pp} (m)	34.5	2.3
Breadth, B (m)	7.60	0.507
Depth, D (m)	3.07	0.205
Fore draught, d_f (m)	2.5	0.166
Aft draught, d_a (m)	2.8	0.176
Mean draught, d (m)	2.65	0.186
Block coefficient, C_B	0.597	0.597
Radius of gyration, roll, k_{xx}/L_{pp}	0.108	0.108
Radius of gyration, pitch yaw, k_{yy}/L_{pp} , k_{zz}/L_{pp}	0.302	0.302
Longitudinal position of Buoyancy, L_{CB} (m)	1.31m aft	0.087m aft
Longitudinal position of Floatation, L_{CF} (m)	3.94m aft	0.263m aft
Metacentric height, GM (m)	1.00	0.0667
Natural roll period, T_R (s)	7.4	1.9
Rudder		
Area, A_R (m ²)	3.49	0.0155
Rudder aspect ratio, A	1.84	1.84
Rudder height, h (m)	2.57	0.171

3.2 Validation of rudder modelling

The 6-DOF weakly nonlinear model for the simulation of surf-riding and broaching in astern seas are validated qualitatively based on experiment results of ITTC ship A2 in Yu, Ma, & Gu, (2014). In this paper, the model is further modified based on the method in section 2.2 to account for the effect of rudder emersion. However there is no experimental data for rudder emersion such as rudder immersed depth, wave orbital velocity around rudder and rudder forces and moments. Thus in this paper, the modified model accounting for rudder emersion is only validated through comparison with the original model without rudder emersion. The results of comparison are demonstrated in Figure 3

In Figure 3, (a), (b), (c) and (d) are time history of ship yaw, roll, pitch and heave

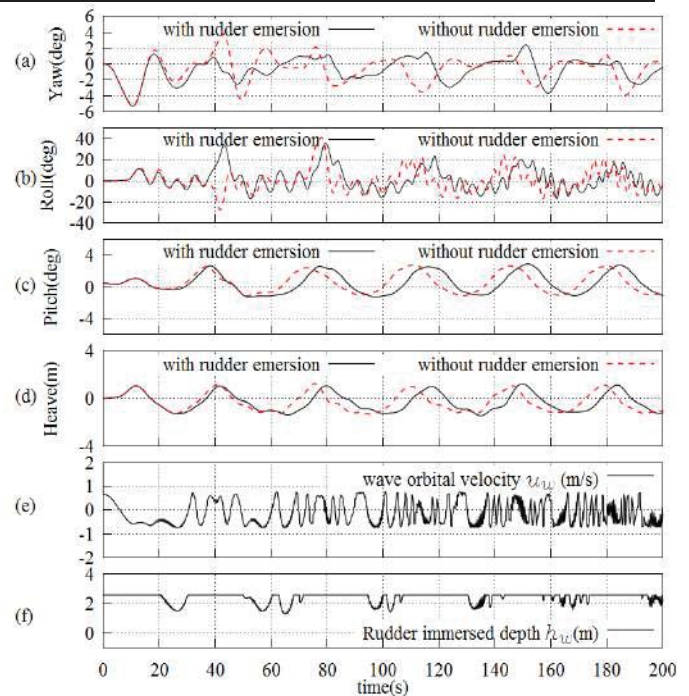


Figure 3 Comparison of ship motions between with and without rudder emersion ($H_w=4$ m, $\lambda/L_{pp}=1.637$, $Fn=0.40$ and $\chi=-10$ deg)

motion. (e) and (f) are the time history of wave orbital velocity u_w and rudder immersed depth h_w . The dashed line is results for the original model without rudder emersion, while the solid line is results for the modified model with rudder emersion.

From Figure 3, it can be identified that ship is doing periodic motion in astern sea with and without rudder emersion. However the differences on ship motion between with and without rudder emersion can be easily found. This can be explained by the rudder emersion in astern sea. As shown in Figure 3(a)(b)(c), yaw, roll and pitch motion of the two model are almost the same before 20s. While the time is around 20-30s, rudder emersion starts, rudder immersed depth decreases and rudder inflow velocity is reduced by wave orbital velocity as shown in Figure 3(e)(f). At the same time, there is an overshoot on yaw angle for the modified model (solid line) compared to the original model (dashed line) as shown in Figure 3(a). This overshoot proves that rudder emersion can cause loss of rudder effectiveness and steering capability in astern sea.



Therefore through comparison between results of the original model without rudder emersion and the modified model with rudder emersion, the modified model is verified to be able to account for the effect of rudder emersion. Its influence on broaching motion will be investigated in the next chapter.

4. SIMULATION RESULTS

4.1 Calculation Cases

Numerical simulations using the modified 6-DOF weakly nonlinear model accounting for rudder emersion are conducted to investigate the influence of rudder behaviour on broaching motion. The subject ship is ITTC ship A2, and calculation cases including 5 ship speeds and 11 wave heights are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Cases for numerical simulation

No.	F_n	$V(\text{m/s})$	$H_w(\text{m})$	λ/L_{pp}	χ	$C_{wx}(\text{m/s})$	ω_e
1-#	0.3	5.52	3.6~6	1.637	-30	8.13	0.563
2-#	0.33	6.07	3.6~6	1.637	-30	8.13	0.516
3-#	0.36	6.62	3.6~6	1.637	-10	9.25	0.453
4-#	0.40	7.36	3.6~6	1.637	-10	9.25	0.295
5-#	0.43	7.91	3.6~6	1.637	-10	9.25	0.228

Where “#” denotes numbers for different wave height H_w . F_n stands for Froude number. H_w , λ , χ are wave height, length and angle, ω_e is encounter frequency taking into account the nonlinearity caused by high wave amplitudes (see Eqn.(10), Umeda et al., 1999). V , C_{wx} denotes ship nominal speed and wave celerity in x direction. They satisfy the followings:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega^2 &= gk(1 + k^2 H_w^2 / 4) \\ \lambda &= 2\pi/k, \omega_e = \omega - kU \cos(\chi), U = Fn \sqrt{gL_{pp}}, \\ C_w &= \lambda \sqrt{gk} / 2\pi, C_{wx} = C_w \cos(\chi)\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

In order to evaluate the influence of rudder emersion, simulations using the original model without rudder emersion with the same cases are also conducted for comparison.

4.2 Result Analysis

The simulation results obtained from the modified model and the original model are demonstrated in Figure 4, 5 and 6. In Figure 4 and 5, results of the case No. 4-5 and 5-4 are shown. The left figure shows the result of the original model, while the right one shows result of the modified model. (a)-(g) represents the time history of yaw & rudder angle, roll angle, pitch & heave, ship velocity, ship relative position in wave, wave orbital velocity around rudder u_w and rudder immersed depth h_w . Ship relative position in wave is the distance of ship centre of buoyancy to wave trough multiplied with wave number k leading to a value within $[0, 2\pi]$.

From Figure 4, it can be found that ship relative position in wave keeps almost constant within the time range 45-85s for the original and modified model. Meanwhile, the pitch angle stays almost unchanged and the ship is accelerated to wave celerity as shown in Figure 4(c) and (d). This indicates that surf-riding occurs for both models. Because ship relative position in wave is constant when surf-riding happens, wave orbital velocity also keeps constant as presented in Figure 4 right (f). Moreover as shown in Figure 4 right (f)(g), for the modified model rudder immersed depth decreases dramatically even to zero and rudder inflow velocity is reduced by wave orbital velocity when surf-riding happens. Thus the rudder effectiveness is significantly reduced and loss its course keeping capability, which are confirmed by the sudden increase of ship yaw angle despite hard turning of rudder to the opposite side as shown in Figure 4 right (a) within the time range 45-85s. Broaching almost happens. However after 85s, ship escapes from surf-riding, rudder retain its steering capability and ship turns back to original course. That is to say, ship motion by the modified model is further categorized as surf-riding and nearly broaching due to the influence of rudder emersion, while ship motion by the original model can only be categorized as surf-riding.

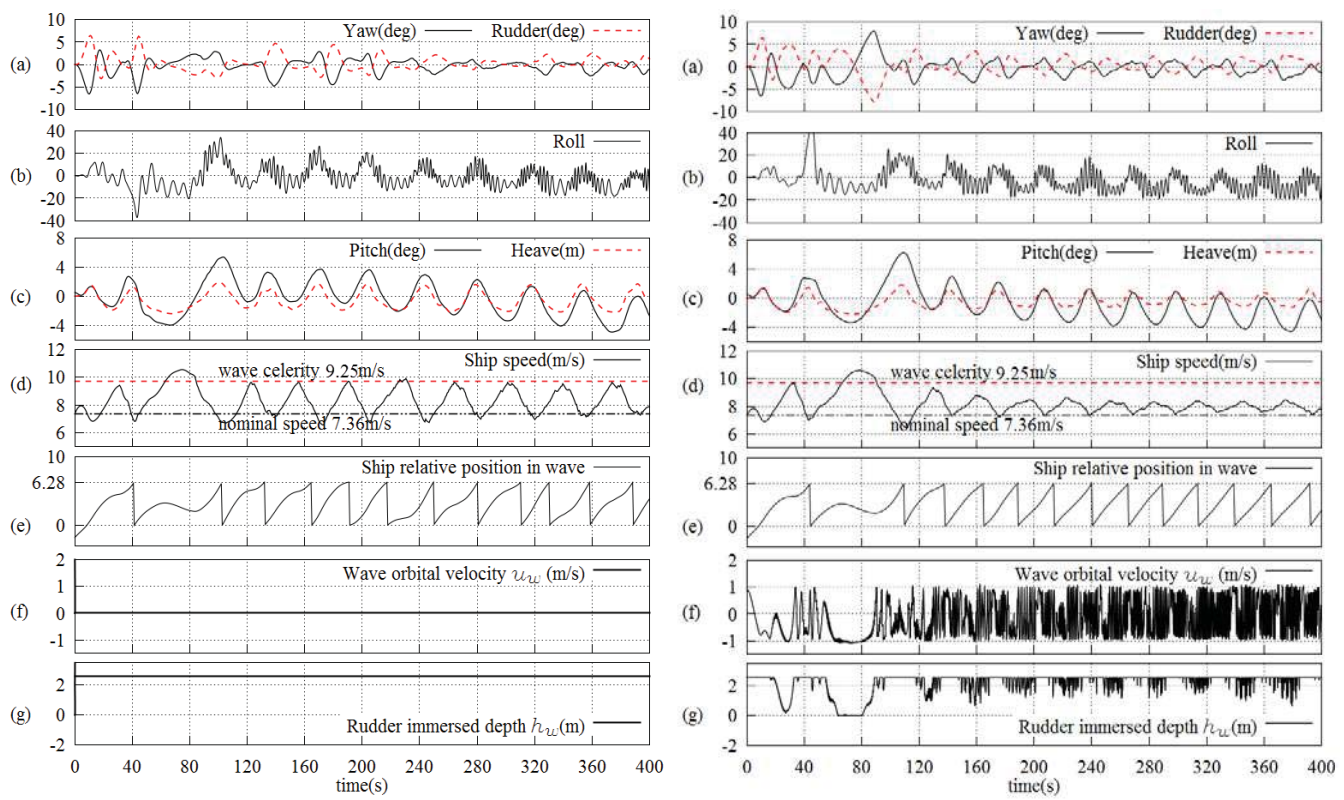


Figure 4 Simulation results of case 4-5 ($H_w=4.6\text{m}$, $\lambda/L_{pp}=1.637$, $Fn=0.40$ and $\chi=-10$ deg)

Left: the original model; Right: the modified model

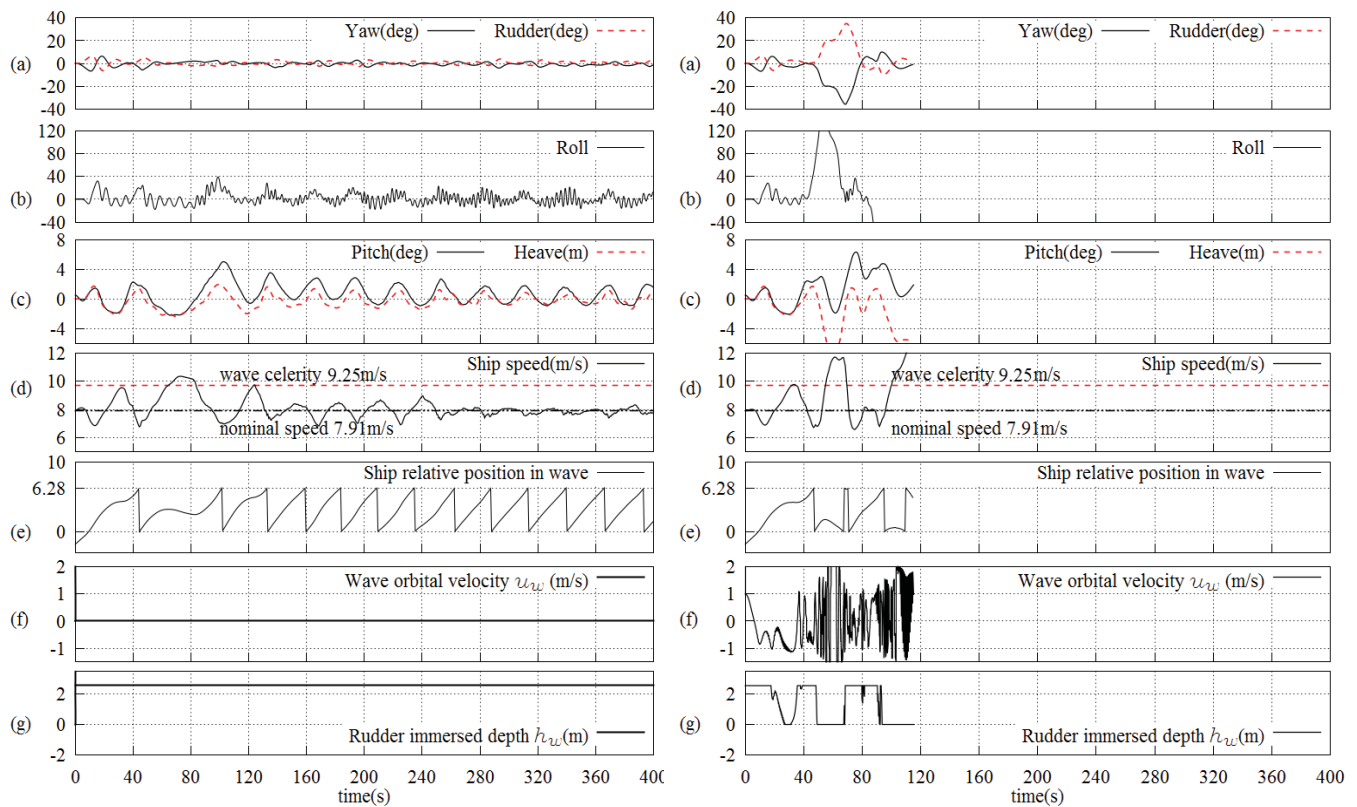


Figure 5 Simulation results of case 5-4 ($H_w=4.8\text{m}$, $\lambda/L_{pp}=1.637$, $Fn=0.43$ and $\chi=-10$ deg)

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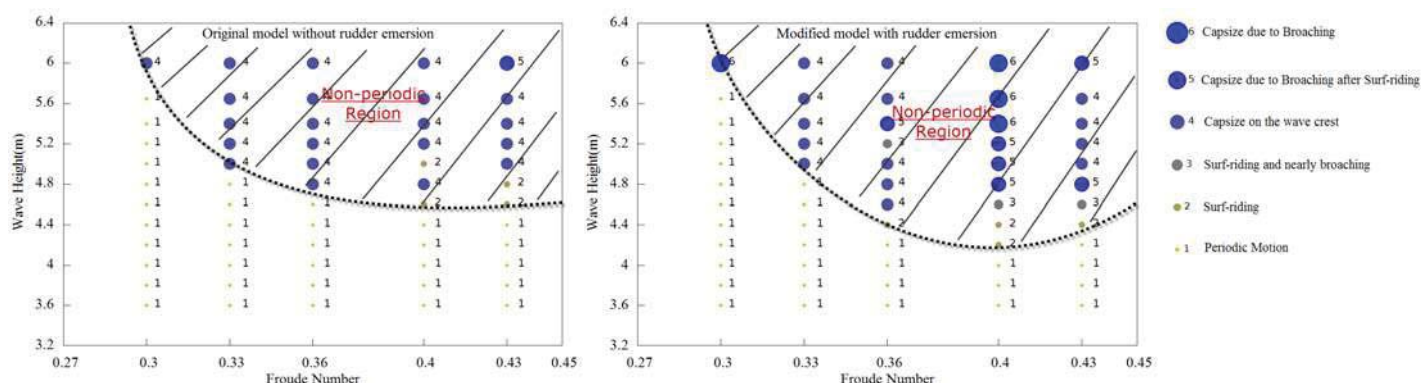


Figure 6 Comparison on simulation results of different cases (Left: the original model; Right: the modified model. The heading angle of cases with $F_n=0.30$ and 0.33 is -30 deg, while the heading angle of cases with $F_n=0.36$, 0.40 and 0.43 is -10 deg which are chosen based on the model experiments of Umeda et al., 1999)

Furthermore in Figure 5, the difference between the original and modified model becomes more obvious. The ship motion by the original model is categorized as surf-riding. Meanwhile, the motion by the modified model is categorized as capsize due to broaching after surf-riding. As shown in Figure 5 right, ship velocity is accelerated to wave celerity after 50s and rudder lose its steering capability due to emersion. Yaw angle increases suddenly despite max rudder control is applied. Roll angle also starts to raise and eventually causes ship to capsize. Thus capsize due to broaching after surf-riding has been demonstrated by the modified model. However in Figure 5 left, only surf-riding occurs due to the underestimate on the influence of rudder emersion in the original model.

According to the results presented in Figure 4 and 5, rudder emersion occurs and rudder immersed depth and inflow velocity decrease when surf-riding happens. If these effects are considered in the numerical model, loss of rudder effectiveness can cause sudden increase of yaw angle and even broaching. Therefore rudder emersion is the key factor for the emergence of broaching motion. This conclusion is confirmed by the results shown in Figure 6.

In Figure 6, the results of all the calculation cases including 5 ship speeds and 11 wave heights are presented. The ship motions response are categorized into 6 types: 1 Periodic Motion, 2 Surf-riding, 3 Surf-riding and nearly broaching, 4 Capsize on the wave crest, 5 Capsize due to Broaching after Surf-riding and 6 Capsize due to Broaching. From Figure 6, it is found that for the modified model with rudder emersion, non-periodic motion especially broaching is more likely to be aroused than for the original model. Additionally it is found that the difference between the two models exists mainly in $F_n \geq 0.36$. That is to say, the influence of rudder emersion mainly takes effect in $F_n \geq 0.36$.

5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the 6-DOF weakly nonlinear model proposed by Yu, Ma, & Gu (2012) is adopted for the simulation of broaching motion of the ITTC ship A2 in following and quartering seas. Modelling of rudder and propeller is modified to account for change of rudder area and aspect ratio and reduction of rudder inflow velocity due to wave orbital velocity. Then numerical simulations are conducted in different ship speeds and wave heights. Through analysis of the results, the influence of rudder emersion on broaching



motion is investigated. The following conclusions are drawn:

1. During periodic motion, wave orbital velocity is oscillating, which has no effect on rudder inflow velocity. However when surf-riding happens, wave orbital velocity on rudder keeps almost constant, and the reduction on rudder inflow velocity cannot be neglected.

2. When surf-riding happens, rudder immersed depth decreases dramatically and rudder emersion effect is significant.

3. The loss of rudder effectiveness caused by rudder emersion and wave orbital velocity is the key factor for the emergence of broaching motion in quartering seas.

4. The influence of rudder emersion seems to take effect when Froude number is high and surf-riding is expect to occur.

However modelling of rudder still needs to be verified through experiments. Factors like variation of hull-rudder interaction coefficients, flow straightening coefficient and the thrust reduction due to propeller emersion should also be considered in the model.

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Offshore Inclining Test

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ABSTRACT

The stability test that includes the Lightweight Survey and the Inclining Experiment is the traditional way to determine the light ship and the centre of gravity of a vessel. It is normally conducted in sheltered waters in calm weather conditions and usually requires the vessel to be taken out of service to prepare for and to conduct the test. The motivation to this work began with the application of semisubmersible units (SS) in the oil and gas production activity. These units are planned and installed for long term operation, typically 25 years. Throughout their operational life a SS unit usually requires modifications, basically due to the natural reservoir changes or due to safety or regulatory issues that lead to changes in lightweight. The option of demobilizing a Floating Production System (FPS) to calm waters to execute the Inclining Experiment is neither economical nor technically feasible, due to the impacts to the mooring system, risers system and reservoir management plus the associated costs to tow the unit close to coastal areas. Bearing in mind this scenario, an alternative method to carry out the test with the unit in operation offshore with wind, waves and current and under the influence of the mooring lines and risers could be applied as previously proposed. This paper addresses the main technical issues to be overcome in order to validate and produce reliable results in these new conditions.

Keywords: *inclining test, IMO MODU Code, Centre of Gravity*

1. INTRODUCTION

The stability test that includes the Lightweight Survey and the Inclining Experiment is the traditional way to determine the light ship and the centre of gravity of a vessel. The stability test is required for most vessels upon their completion and is the worldwide recommended and approved method to determine the light vessel characteristics and the Centre of Gravity coordinates. It is normally conducted in sheltered waters in calm weather conditions and usually requires the vessel to be taken out of service to prepare for and conduct the test [1], [2].

The motivation to this work began with the application of semisubmersible units (SS) in the production activity. These units are planned and installed for long term operation, typically 25 years. Throughout their operational life a SS unit requires modifications, basically due to the natural reservoir changes or due to safety or regulatory issues. These changes lead to adjustments in the process plant, typically with the introduction of new equipment to carry out the new processing activities. Safety and legal requirements can also pose the necessity of additional equipment and its structural support.

Once the weight control procedures may not be effective the regulatory bodies and classification societies impose the execution of a new Inclining Test every time the summation of the weight changes surpasses a certain limit.

The option of demobilizing a FPS to calm waters is neither economical nor technically feasible, due to the impacts to the mooring system, risers system and reservoir management plus the associated costs to tow the unit close to the coast. Therefore, instead of the Inclining Test, the classification societies opt to apply penalties to the units, prescribing VCG values above the ones calculated in the weight control reports. Bearing in mind this scenario, this paper evaluates an alternative method to carry out the Inclining Test with the unit in operation offshore, with wind, waves and current and under the influence of the mooring lines and risers, as described in previous studies addressing the same problem [3], [4], [5], [6] and [7].

In order to validate the method an inclining test of a moored semi-submersible with risers and under the action of waves has been carried out in Laboceano ocean basin. The results were analysed and discussed and the error margins were also determined and compared with the traditional approach. After this stage the procedure was applied to a full scale unit of the Petrobras fleet. Ballast transfer was executed to incline the unit and the wave induced motions recorded through a MRU (Motion Recording Unit) equipment. The mooring and risers were carefully modelled in numerical simulation programs and included in the VCG determination. After these two phases, the paper presents the main conclusions and validation of this alternative procedure using only proven measuring equipment and numerical methods to calculate the Centre of Gravity coordinates.

2. SEMISUBMERSIBLE UNIT



Figure 1 – Typical SS production unit

The hull selected to perform the model test is a typical semi-submersible platform. The main characteristics of this unit are shown below:

Table 1 – Platform Main Dimensions

Particular	Value
Length Over All (m)	116.0
Beam (m)	72.0
Depth Main Deck (m)	41.6
Pontoon Width	13.5
Deck length	77.0
Deck width	63.3
Draft (m)	23.47
Displacement (t)	33562

3. MODEL TESTS

3.1 Description

The model tests were conducted at LABOCEANO's ocean basin from UFRJ in Brazil from August to September 2013 with a typical SS to evaluate the proposed procedures to carry out the inclining tests offshore [8].

The main objective of the tests was to evaluate a procedure to perform inclining tests with a moored SS with risers installed at site in the presence of waves and wind mean load. The results from the inclining tests would then be compared with model dry calibration and with still water conventional tests.

A SS hull was constructed at scale of 1:50 and due to basin dimensions limitations, and in order to keep a simplified test, a truncated and simplified mooring and risers system was designed to mimic the influence of such systems on the platform behaviour. The measurements included platform motions, line tensions, local wave heights and waves run-up at four columns.

The structure was firstly tested free floating and then the mooring and risers system was installed. The moored structure was then tested in still water (different draft of free floating condition), and finally wave tests were performed. A set of regular and irregular waves were simulated, and inclining tests in waves were performed using weights in different positions at the deck. A test matrix was defined in a way that the inclining tests in waves could be compared to static inclining tests so that the mean equilibrium angles could be compared. Also, the main parameter to be measured – the vertical centre of gravity, should be well known for both cases. This last requirement was fulfilled by measuring the KG of the instrumented and ballasted model on dry condition before and after the tests.

The environmental conditions chosen for the tests included both regular and irregular waves, with different heights and periods, and two directions (waves from stern and quarter stern).

For the procedure itself, the model deck was prepared with high precision machining so that the weight used to impose the known inclining moment would be precisely positioned at required distances to minimize uncertainty on the results.

On the instrumentation side, a high accuracy visual tracking system was used to measure the model 6 DOF motions, in order to obtain high quality measurements in waves. As additional measurements, the relative wave heights were also measured at four columns, in order to simulate the measured draft at draft

marks. Mooring lines and risers dynamic tensions were also measured, and so were the wave heights at certain points at the basin. The water depth in full scale is 600 m.

3.2 Model Calibration

Figure 2 illustrates the model used in Laboceano basin:



Figure 2 – SS Model in Laboceano Basin

The results at dry "LEVE" condition obtained are summarized below:

Table 2 – Platform Mass Data

	Model Scale		Prototype scale	
Mass	233.450	kg	30091.329	ton
XG	0	mm	0	
YG	0	mm	0	m
ZG	428	mm	21.4	m
IXX	8.90E+07	kg.mm ²	2.87E+07	ton.m ²
IYY	8.86E+07	kg.mm ²	2.86E+07	ton.m ²
IZZ	1.05E+08	kg.mm ²	3.38E+07	ton.m ²

The mass of the model considers the inclining weight (2.32 kg in model scale), positioned at the center of the deck X=0mm, Y=0mm, Z=871mm. The weight and center of gravity coordinates of "LEVE" or LIGHT condition without inclining test mass are shown below as these values will be used later in the proposed procedures to determine the KG.



Table 3 – Mass measured in Dry Conditions

	Prototype scale (light without inclining test mass)	
Mass	29836.11	ton
XG	0	m
YG	0	m
ZG	21.182	m

WAVEFILE	SPEC	HEIGHT (m)	PERIOD (s)	DIR
W02_10304	JS	2.0	9.0	180
W02_20100	JS	1.5	8.0	225

3.3 Mooring and Riser System Design

A mooring system was designed and constructed using eight (8) lines. Also, six (6) risers representing groups were designed and constructed to simulate the influence of such lines.



Figure 3 – Mooring and Risers Model

3.4 Environmental Conditions

Both regular (4) and irregular (4) waves have been tested using the JONSWAP spectrum.

Table 4 – Model Test Wave Data

WAVEFILE	SPEC	HEIGHT (m)	PERIOD (s)	DIR
W01_10101	-	1.0	8.0	180
W01_102010	-	1.5	8.0	180
W01_10301	REG	2.0	9.0	180
W01_20100	REG	1.5	8.0	225
W02_10102	JS	1.0	8.0	180
W02_10201	JS	1.5	8.0	180

3.5 Test Matrix

All tests were grouped into five (5) batteries. The following groups describe the naming convention.

GROUP PT100 – PRE-TESTS - "LEVE" CONDITION, FREE FLOATING: Model freely floating (no mooring, no risers) was tested for equilibrium and inclining test measurements.

GROUP PT120 – PRE-TESTS - "LEVE" CONDITION, MOORED W RISERS: Model moored with risers installed

GROUP T120 – "LEVE" CONDITION, MOORED W RISERS: Same as Group PT120

In all groups the Inclining Weight was placed in 8 different positions from Starboard to Portside in order to incline the platform.

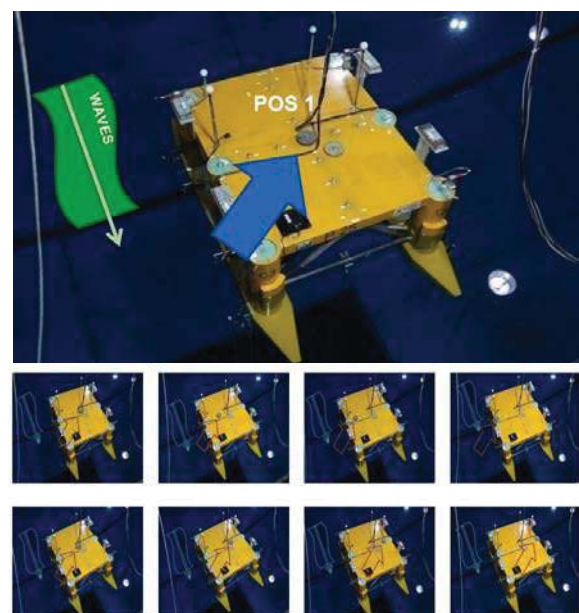


Figure 4 – Test Weight Positions



3.6 Model Test Results

As a sample of the model test results the irregular waves roll motion time trace, mean values and standard deviation for all groups and for the 8 Test Weight positions are shown in Figures 5, 6 and 7:

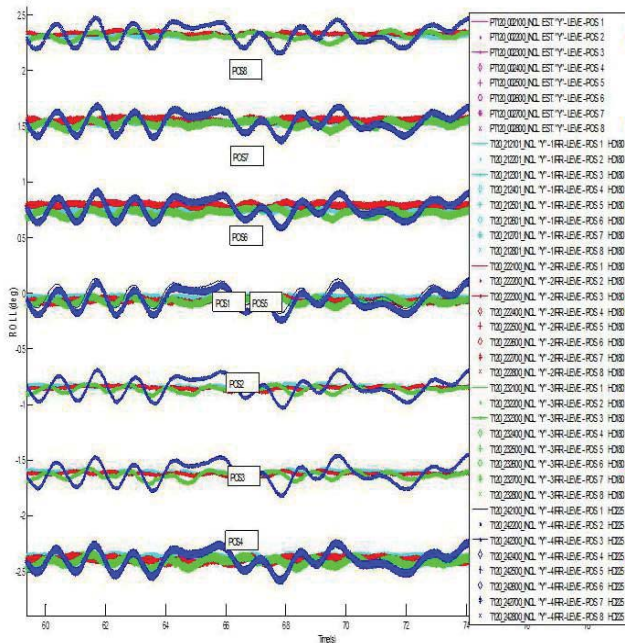


Figure 5 Time traces of roll motion for all irregular waves and test weight positions

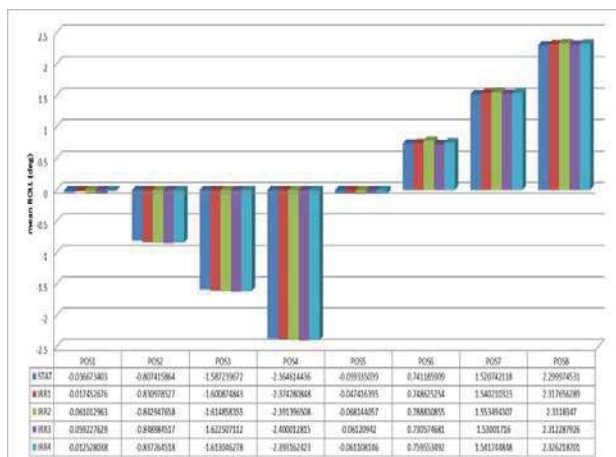


Figure 6 Mean Roll angle for all irregular waves and test weight positions

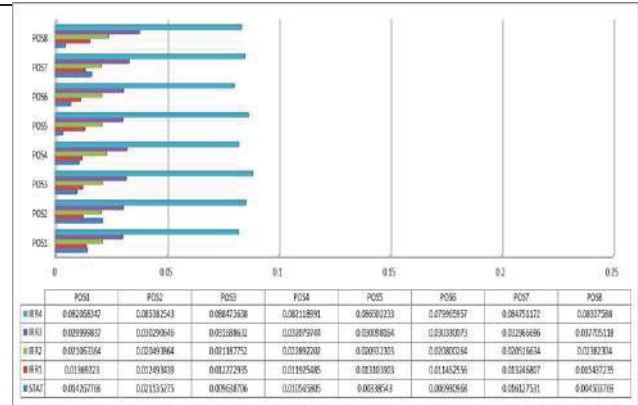


Figure 7 – Standard Deviation of Roll angle for all irregular waves and test weight positions

4. KG CALCULATION PROCEDURE

In order to determine the KG based on the model test results, two approaches were selected:

- 1- Uncoupled Direct Method procedure
- 2- Coupled Iterative Method

Both procedures will use the data generated in the model scale inclining experiment carried out at LabOceano. However to use the model test data it is first necessary to generate numerical models and to calibrated them to obtain the same behaviour as the physical models employed in LabOceano. Two models will be required: the hydrostatic one and the mooring and risers.

4.1 Numerical Hydrostatic Model

The hydrostatic data model was prepared using the in-house hydrostatic and stability program SSTAB, as can be seen below:

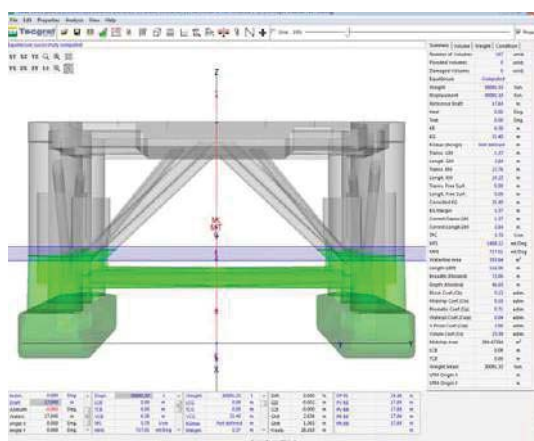


Figure 8 – SSTAB Numerical Model

Table 5 – Test Conditions

#	Cond.	Displac. (t)	Heel (Deg.)	Trim (Deg.)	Draft (m)	KG (m)	KMt (m)	GMt (m)
1	LIGHT	30087.46	0.0	0.0	17.85	21.40	22.76	1.32
2	LIGHT M-R LOADS	34029.00	0.0	0.0	24.87	19.66	22.29	2.63
3	LIGHT M-R CAT	34028.98	0.0	0.0	24.87	19.66	22.29	2.63

LIGHT condition refers to the platform model, plus ballasts, plus the inclining weight, plus the required instrumentation.

LIGHT M-R LOADS: This condition is the same as the **LIGHT** condition plus the addition of the vertical component of the mooring and risers tensions as point loads.

LIGHT M-R CAT: This condition adds the mooring and risers tensions calculated using a catenary model included in the **SSTAB** program.

With this model one can calculate the displacement and KM in the mean draft obtained in the model test.

4.2 Mooring and Riser Model

The mooring and risers system was modelled in **DYNASIM** program using eight (8) mooring lines and six (6) riser

representative groups. The mooring lines in **DYNASIM** were modelled as close as possible to the **LabOceano** configuration, using segments of steel wire, steel chains, floaters and stainless steel springs.

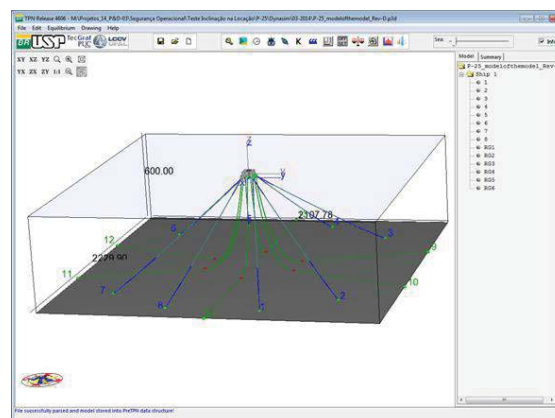


Figure 9 – M&R Numerical Model

As all segments but the springs were highly stiff, all the stiffness was considered to be characterized by the springs. However the main requirement of the numerical model was to match the total stiffness obtained in the pull-out tests PT-120-101000 and PT-120-102000 and the Frame tests with force plate.

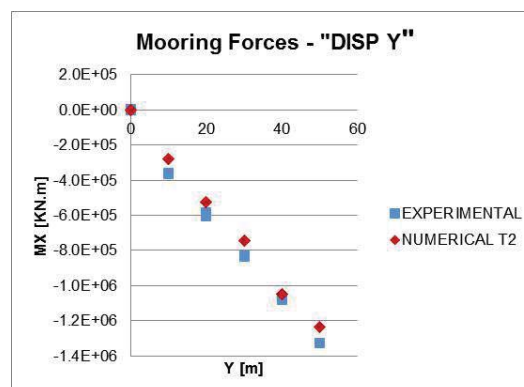


Figure 10 – Restoring Force Calibration

4.3 Uncoupled Direct Method Procedure

A final derivation of **GM** was performed based on Hydrostatic data and Mooring lines and Risers Moments calculated from Calibrated numerical model. So, for each mean position achieved for the model during wave tests, the Mooring lines and risers moments were



subtracted to allow GM and KG calculations, using the following equation:

$$GM = \frac{w \cdot d \cdot \cos(\theta) - M_{\text{mris}}}{\text{Disp} \cdot \sin(\theta)} \quad 1$$

where:

w - Inclining weight

d - Inclining distance

θ - Inclining angle

Disp - Displacement

M_{mris} - Total moment for mooring lines and risers calculated for achieved equilibrium position, i.e., mean position for each test. The KG was then calculated by:

$$KG = KM - GM \quad 2$$

The results of KG were then obtained for each test using the conventional expressions [1] and [2]. Implicit in this approach is that it is only valid for small inclination angles due to the change in KM for larger angles.

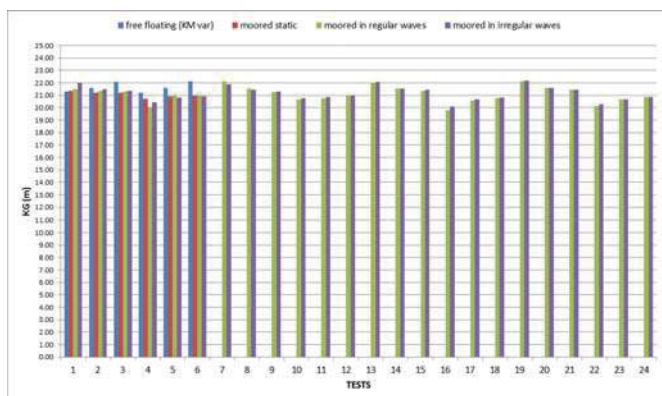


Figure 11 – Uncoupled Procedure Results

KG calculated values are presented in pink lines for free floating test results, brown lines moored static w/o wave results, green lines moored regular waves results (1 REG, 2 REG, 3 REG and 4 REG) and blue lines moored irregular waves results (1 IRR, 2 IRR, 3 IRR and 4 IRR).

4.4 Coupled Iterative Method Procedure

In this item a numerical procedure to determine the KG using the in-house programs SSTAB, for hydrostatic and stability calculations, and DYNASIM for mooring analysis is described. This procedure is based in an iterative search calculation where KG values are input and the equilibrium of the platform is calculated and checked with the model test mean values of heel and trim. When the calculated heel equates the model test heel result the associated KG is the target KG. The procedure is repeated for the 6 positions and the mean KG will be the resultant KG of the platform.

This procedure is fully based in the SSTAB equilibrium algorithm, which does not use any hypothesis of small angle or fixed Metacenter, but determines the coordinate of the Center of Gravity that reproduces the model heel, trim and draft. Therefore the inclining moment is imposed through the change of position of the inclining weight and the platform attains the equilibrium that is dependent of hydrostatic properties and the mooring and risers moments in the inclined position. The forces and moments due to the lines are determined through a catenary model included in the search for equilibrium.

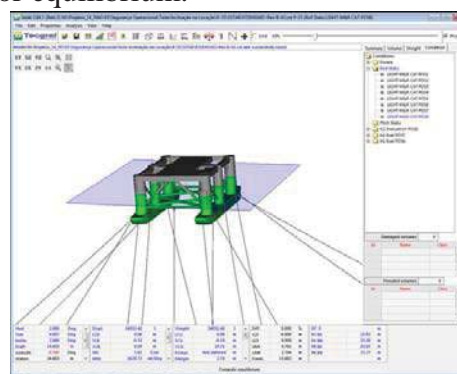


Figure 12 – SSTAB Program

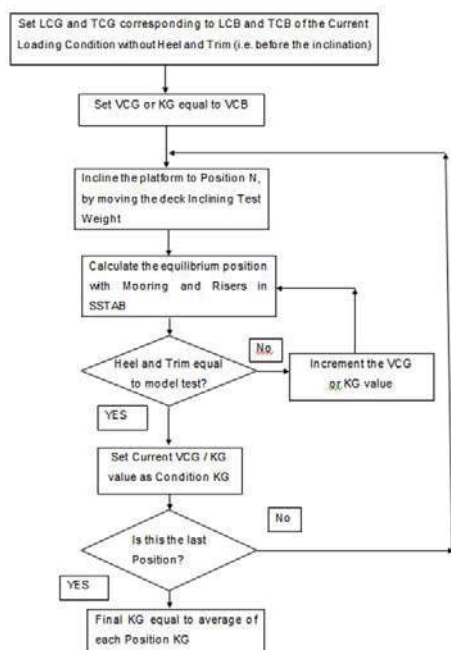


Figure 13 Iterative Coupled procedure

The X and Y displacements can also be considered and input to SSTAB with the objective of including the effect of the offset caused by waves, current and wind in the forces/moments induced by the mooring and risers systems.

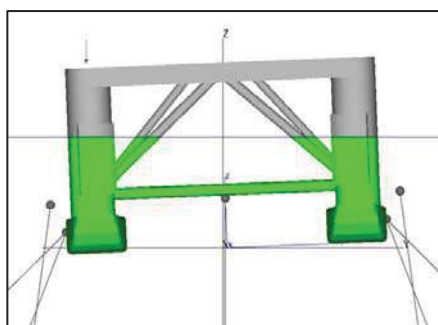


Figure 14 – SSTAB Program mixing hydrostatic and lines static calculations

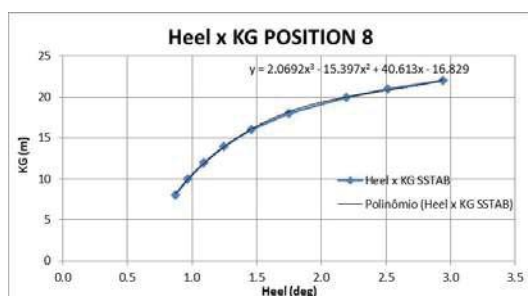


Figure 15 – SSTAB Program based iterative equilibrium calculations mixing hydrostatic and lines static calculations

4.5 Results for Model Test Verification

A KG analysis was performed by using calibrated numerical models leading to the following results:

Table 6 – Test KG results

	KG	Mean	% Diff to ref	% Diff to free floating
		m		
	reference value	21.40	-	-
Conv. Method	free floating small angle	21.01	-	-
	free floating all angles	20.73	-	-
Uncoupled Direct Method	free floating	20.87	-2.48%	-0.67%
	moored static	21.06	-1.61%	0.22%
	moored in regular waves	21.10	-1.42%	0.41%
	moored in irregular waves	21.16	-1.12%	0.72%
Coupled Iterative Method	SSTAB free floating static	21.02	-1.78%	0.05%
	SSTAB moored static	20.70	-3.27%	-1.48%
	SSTAB irregular wave 3	20.73	-3.13%	-1.33%

Comparing the differences to the free floating condition small angles value (KG = 21.01 m), that represents the conventional procedure currently accepted KG determination practice with the other calculation methods, that include different approaches, we can verify an error from -1.96% to 1.65%, that is reasonable considering all the uncertainties involved by the inclining tests.

It can be observed that even the conventional inshore inclining test procedure works with some tolerance ranges, once it is difficult to define precisely some variables, like hull displacement, external weights and variable loads in the platform, draft and angle measurements, etc. Though, the sensitivity analysis performed in this report showed that the error are within an adequate margin of tolerance.

We conclude that this increase in the error is acceptable and within the tolerances of the current practice of inclining tests as performed by the industry and certified by regulatory institutions, therefore we consider that the

inclining test can be performed offshore with the effects of mooring lines and risers and waves consistently taken into account.

5. APPLICATION OF THE OFFSHORE INCLINING TEST PROCEDURE TO AN ACTUAL UNIT

The objective of this item is to apply the procedure to execute the Inclining Experiment offshore in the location as described in the previous items, without removing the unit or stopping the production. This procedure has been approved in principle by ABS.

The proposed procedures have been applied initially in model scale in order to check their feasibility. In this way a model test has been carried out at LabOceano aiming at producing data that has been used to execute all the steps required for the offshore inclining experiment. LabOceano has issued a report [12] and also time series results of all tests in MATLAB format.

As the feasibility of the Model Scale Inclining Experiment has been confirmed and approved in principle, these tests were then performed in a typical semisubmersible unit in order to determine the lightweight and Centre of Gravity with the modifications carried out since the last Stability Experiment, executed in sheltered waters after the construction.

Based on the results of the full test with the SS unit, reported in this document, an official test will be carried out aiming at obtaining the approval of the classification societies and regulatory bodies in order to update the KG of the units in operation after eventual lightweight modifications carried out in the last years. Therefore the penalties imposed could be lifted in a safe and correct way enabling the execution of the required improvements within the safety standards.

The test has been carried out on the 6th of June 2014 from 13:00 to 16:00 (Brasilia Time

Zone) or 16:00 to 19:00 (GMT). The ballast was transferred between tanks S05WBT and S11WBT. There was no admission or discharge of ballast to the sea. In this way only the trim was changed.

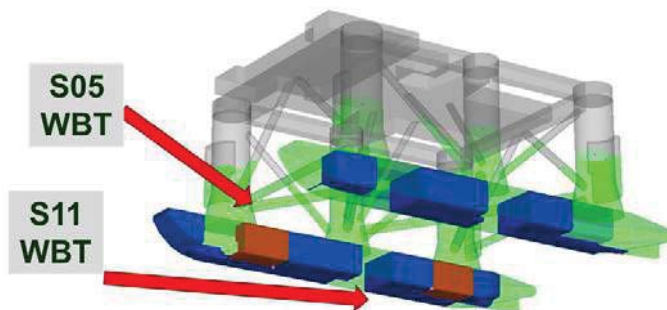


Figure 16 – Tanks used in the experimental test

The following manoeuvres have been executed:

Table 7 Ballast Manoeuvres

	Manoeuvres Time	Ballast transfer	Nominal Trim
POS01	Reference 13:00	Parallel Draft	0
POS02	1 13:20	11BE==>5BE	2.5
POS03	2 13:49	5BE==>11BE	2
POS04	3 14:04	5BE==>11BE	1.5
POS05	4 14:24	5BE==>11BE	1
POS06	5 14:48	5BE==>11BE	0.5
POS07	6 15:07	5BE==>11BE	0
POS08	7 15:31	5BE==>11BE	-0.5
POS09	8 15:56	5BE==>11BE	-1
POS10	9 16:16	5BE==>11BE	-1.5
POS11	10 16:38	5BE==>11BE	-2
POS12	11 17:02	5BE==>11BE	-2.5
POS13	12 17:23	11BE==>5BE	0

During the test the consumption of fresh water and of fuel oil was reduced to a



minimum, however it is not possible to eliminate it completely in a producing unit. Therefore the alternative was to carefully register the level of these tanks in order to take this reduction into account.

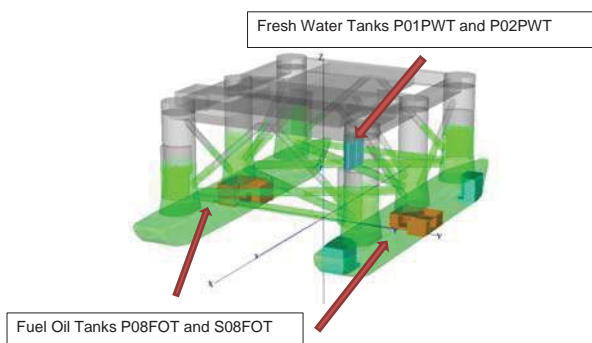


Figure 17 – Tanks with consumption during the test

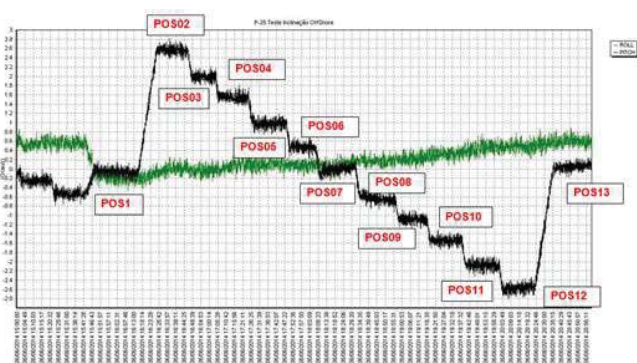


Figure 18 – Heel and Trim Positions

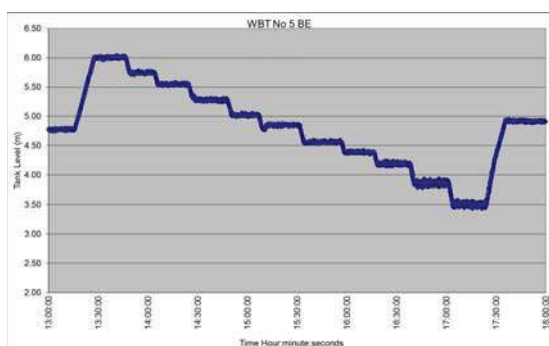


Figure 19 – WBT 5 Tank Ballast Transfers

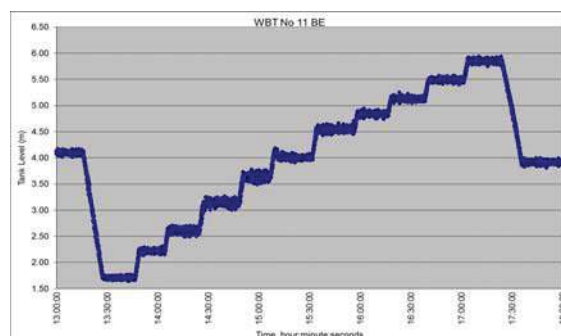


Figure 20 WBT 11 Ballast Transfers

Due to the non-linearities inherent to this method the more general approach of the Coupled Iterative Method has been applied to determine the KG.

5.1 Numerical Hydrostatic Data

The hydrostatic data model was adjusted using the in-house hydrostatic and stability program SSTAB, as can be seen in Figure 21. The SSTAB program has a special feature characterized by the inclusion of a catenary model within the equilibrium calculations taking into account the non-linear behaviour of the mooring and risers system.

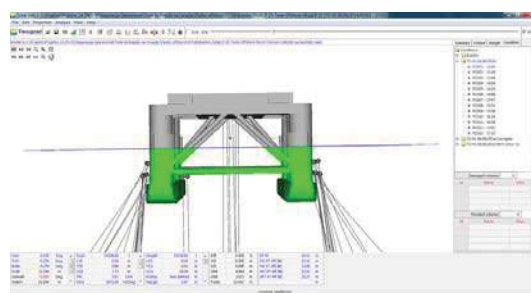


Figure 21 – Initial Position

Table 8 – Initial Position Condition

#	Condition.	Displac. (t)	Heel (Deg.)	Trim (Deg.)	Draft (m)
1	POS01 - 13:00	33350	-0.21	-0.07	23.31



Table 9 – Target Draft, Heel and Trim for
All Positions

	Draft Origin (m)	Required Heel Test (deg)	Required Trim Test (deg)
POS01 - 13:00	23.31	-0.21	-0.07
POS02 - 13:20	23.30	-0.02	2.56
POS03 - 13:49	23.30	-0.04	1.99
POS04 - 14:04	23.31	0.05	1.55
POS05 - 14:24	23.30	0.1	0.97
POS06 - 14:48	23.29	0.07	0.48
POS07 - 15:07	23.29	0.06	0
POS08 - 15:31	23.28	0.18	-0.63
POS09 - 15:56	23.28	0.22	-1.09
POS10 - 16:16	23.28	0.32	-1.54
POS11 - 16:38	23.27	0.44	-2.07
POS12 - 17:02	23.25	0.49	-2.58
POS13 - 17:23	23.26	0.61	0.04
Averages	23.29		

	Bottom Chain (m)	Interm. Wire Rope (m)	Chain Connection (m)	Top Chain (m)
1	950	600	10	148
2	1120	600	10	143
3	1135	600	10	202
4	1380	600	10	152
5	1510	600	10	137
6	1410	600	10	130
7	1220	600	10	105
8	1220	600	10	160
9	1130	600	10	160
10	965	600	10	145
11	950	600	10	165
12	840	600	10	173

Table 11 – Mooring Line Properties

	Diam (mm)	MBL (kN)	EA (kN)	Weight in Air (kN/m)	Weight in Water (kN/m)
R3_Stud_Chain	0.084	5550	5.84E+05	1.516	1.315
EIPS_Steel_WireRope	0.096	5740	5.04E+05	0.38	0.315
R4_Stud_Chain	0.078	6295	5.17E+05	1.34	1.17
R4_Stud_Chain	0.078	6295	5.17E+05	1.34	1.17

5.2 Mooring and Riser Model

The mooring and risers systems were modelled in DYNASIM program with 12 mooring lines and 36 risers.

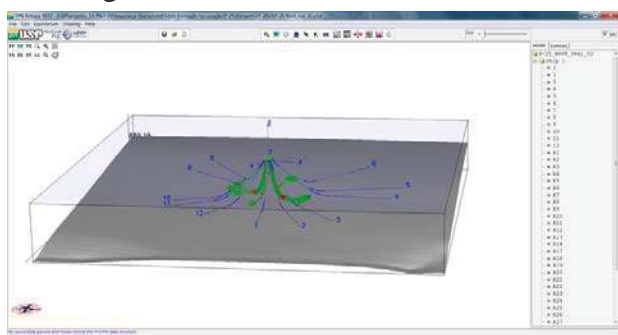


Figure 22 – M&R model as inspected in the field

The mooring lines in DYNASIM were modelled as the AS-LAID configuration [15], using segments of steel wire and steel chains. This model is imported in SSTAB program.

Table 10 – Mooring Line Composition

5.3 KG Calculation – Coupled Iterative Method Procedure

In this item a numerical procedure to determine the KG using the in-house program SSTAB, for hydrostatic and stability calculations, that includes the catenary model imported from DYNASIM program for mooring analysis is described. This procedure is based in an iterative search calculation where KG values are input and the equilibrium of the platform is calculated and checked with the measured offshore test mean values of heel and trim. When the calculated trim equates the measured trim results the current KG is the target KG. The procedure is repeated for the 13 positions and the mean KG will be the resultant KG of the platform.

This procedure is fully based in the SSTAB equilibrium algorithm, which does not use any hypothesis of small angle or fixed Metacentre, but determines the coordinate of the Centre of Gravity that reproduces the model heel, trim



and draft. Therefore the inclining moment is imposed through the change of the ballast level in the test tanks (5SB and 11SB) and the platform attains the equilibrium that is dependent of hydrostatic properties and the mooring and risers moments in the inclined position. The forces and moments due to the lines are determined through a catenary model included in the search for equilibrium. The X and Y displacements can also be considered and input to SSTAB with the objective of including the effect of the offset caused by waves, current and wind in the forces/moments induced by the mooring and risers systems.

In order to determine the overall KG of the condition, all weight items, but liquid cargos in tanks, have been added to the so called Calibration item. The Calibration item is initially comprised by all items described below based on estimates of the current loading condition.

Table 12 – All Weight Items Summation

Item	Weight (t)	LCG (m)	TCG (m)	VCG (m)
Calibration Item (All weight items Except variable loads)	20093.94	-2.46	1.14	28.41

The Calibration item obtained above is a reference once the actual weight value and X and Y coordinates of the centre of gravity's item has been obtained to attain the equilibrium with the Heel and Trim measured in POSITION01. Four KG calculations have been carried out: One without considering the displacement of the unit in the X and Y directions (offset) due to the environmental actions, other one considering this displacement, another removing the catenary model of the mooring and risers, thus considering them as fixed vertical loads and the last one modelling the tanks cargoes as fixed loads.

5.4 KG Calculation Without Offset Consideration

Table 13 show the weight items considered to assemble the Loading Condition. The Calibration Item comprises, as described above, the Lightweight, consumables, crew, etc. The remaining weight items of the platform are the liquid contained in the tanks, which have been measured through the PI control system and the mooring and risers systems, which are included in the model based on the As-Laid system.

Table 13 – Condition Weight Items

Weight Class	Weight (t)	% of Total	LCG	TCG	VCG
Calibracao	19953.89	59.83	-2.52	1.17	0.00
Mooring Lines	1020.13	3.06	1.03	0.34	16.80
Risers	924.18	2.77	-9.12	2.65	21.06
Ballast_Tanks	8974.40	26.91	3.87	-3.92	3.89
Fresh_Water	1015.32	3.04	17.80	28.08	7.95
Drill Water	323.88	0.97	39.16	-26.22	2.21
Fuel_Oil	1138.21	3.41	-4.35	-7.38	3.10
Total Weight	33350.01	100.00	0.09	0.08	2.51

The procedure described in Figure 13 is applied for the 13 positions beginning with POSITION01. As the trim angle is 0 it is not possible to iterate to determine the KG, this is only possible when the trim is different from 0. The procedure is applied for the remaining 13 positions.

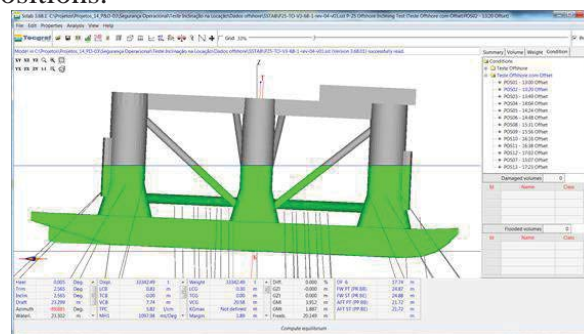


Figure 23 – SSTAB model with lines as catenaries in Position 02 (POS02)

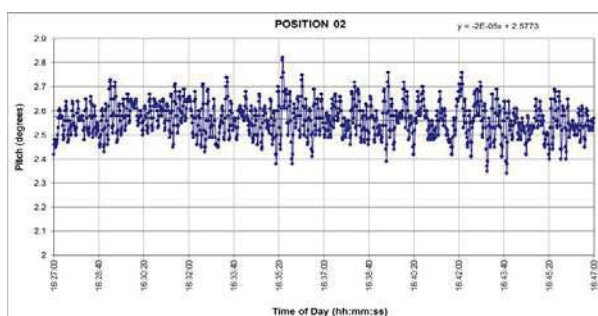


Figure 24 – Trim angle measurement POS02

Table 14 – VCG Coord. Calculated for Inclining Test Positions without Offset

	Displ (t)	Draft Origin (m)	Resultant Heel SSTAB (deg)	Resultant Trim SSTAB (deg)	LCG (m)	TCG (m)	VCG (m)
POS01 - 13:00	33350.01	23.31	-0.21	-0.07	0.056	0.08	
POS02 - 13:20	33343.87	23.3	0	2.57	0.29	0	20.63
POS03 - 13:49	33350.6	23.31	0.13	2	0.24	0	20.7
POS04 - 14:04	33349.96	23.31	0.13	1.56	0.2	0	20.87
POS05 - 14:24	33349.07	23.31	0.15	0.97	0.15	0	21.22
POS06 - 14:48	33350.13	23.31	0.59	0.38	0.1	-0.01	22.44
POS07 - 15:07	33347.34	23.31	0.02	-0.05	0.06	0	
POS08 - 15:31	33344.79	23.3	0.05	-0.65	0	0	18.31
POS09 - 15:56	33349.3	23.31	0.13	-1.12	-0.04	-0.01	19.14
POS10 - 16:16	33347.07	23.31	0.12	-1.54	-0.08	-0.01	19.38
POS11 - 16:38	33343.79	23.3	0.11	-2.1	-0.13	-0.01	19.56
POS12 - 17:02	33342.9	23.3	0.13	-2.61	-0.17	-0.01	19.65
POS13 - 17:23	33342.09	23.3	0.02	-0.04	0.06	-0.01	
Averages	33346.99	23.31			0.06	0.00	20.19

Figure 25 – Balance of ballast between tanks during transfers

5.5 KG Calculation With Offset Consideration

In this chapter the results considering the offset measured through the SMO (Offshore Monitoring System) system are presented. The offsets are calculated based on the GPS data stored in the SMO system from Petrobras.

Table 15 – Offsets X and Y in relation to the Neutral position during the Inclining Test

	Offset X (m)	Offset Y (m)
POS01 - 13:00	3.15	-1.98
POS02 - 13:20	3.49	-1.66
POS03 - 13:49	3.09	-1.71
POS04 - 14:04	2.80	-1.37
POS05 - 14:24	2.80	-1.16
POS06 - 14:48	2.89	-0.70
POS07 - 15:07	2.55	-0.92
POS08 - 15:31	2.64	-0.38
POS09 - 15:56	2.07	-0.43
POS10 - 16:16	1.90	-0.28
POS11 - 16:38	1.69	0.07
POS12 - 17:02	1.53	0.31
POS13 - 17:23	2.17	-0.27

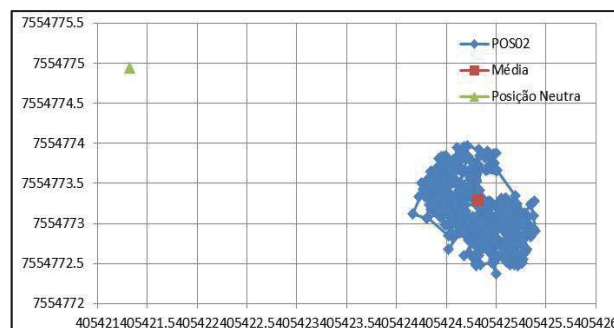
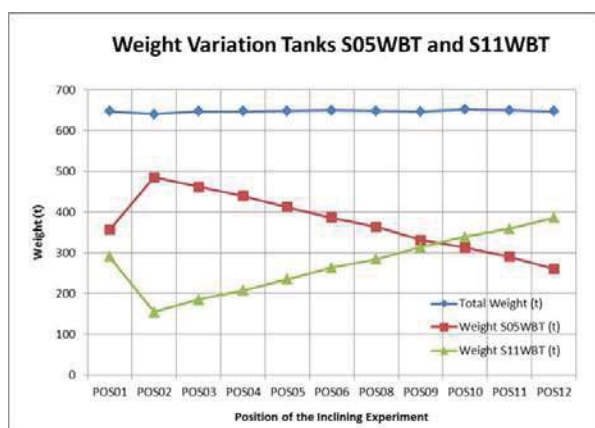


Figure 26 – Planar displacements measured by GPS during Position02 inclination



Table 16 – Calculation of Offsets in relation to the Neutral Position

	Neutral Position without environmental loads	
	East (m)	North (m)
Neutral Position	405421.32	7554774.95
Average of POSITION02	405424.81	7554773.29
Offset	3.49	-1.66

Table 17 – Weight Items for POS02

Summary of Loading Condition for POS02 - 13:20 Offset					
Weight Class	Weight	% of Total	LCG	TCG	VCG
Calibracao	19963.26	59.86	-2.45	1.03	30.04
Mooring Lines	1016.44	3.05	0.03	0.50	16.80
Risers	925.64	2.78	-9.25	2.69	21.12
Ballast_Tanks	8967.29	26.89	4.77	-3.92	3.93
Fresh_Water	1015.56	3.05	17.83	28.08	7.95
Drill Water	323.88	0.97	39.29	-26.25	2.21
Fuel_Oil	1138.21	3.41	-4.24	-7.40	3.10
Total Weight	33350.28	100.00	0.34	0.00	20.51

Table 18 – VCG Coord. Calculated for Inclining Test Positions with Offset

	Displ (t)	Draft Origin (m)	Resultant Heel SSTAB (deg)	Resultant Trim SSTAB (deg)	LCG (m)	TCG (m)	VCG (m)
POS01 - 13:00	33350.51	23.31	-0.21	-0.07	0.01	0.08	
POS02 - 13:20	33350.28	23.31	0	2.57	0.34	0	20.51
POS03 - 13:49	33351.76	23.32	0.17	2	0.3	-0.01	20.41
POS04 - 14:04	33351.1	23.31	0.22	1.55	0.26	-0.01	20.46
POS05 - 14:24	33350.44	23.31	0.09	0.97	0.21	-0.01	20.53
POS06 - 14:48	33351.37	23.32	0.62	0.49	0.16	-0.01	21.3
POS07 - 15:07	33346.55	23.31	-0.17	-0.03	0.06	-0.01	
POS08 - 15:31	33351.23	23.32	0.27	-0.64	0.03	-0.02	19.98
POS09 - 15:56	33349.22	23.31	0.4	-1.1	-0.02	-0.02	20.22
POS10 - 16:16	33346.1	23.31	0.46	-1.55	-0.01	-0.02	20.35
POS11 - 16:38	33344.14	23.3	0.46	-2.08	-0.06	-0.02	20.28
POS12 - 17:02	33347.94	23.31	0.26	-2.59	-0.11	-0.01	19.93
POS13 - 17:23	33343.17	23.3	-0.15	0	0.06	-0.01	
Averages	33348.75	23.31			0.09	-0.01	20.40

5.6 KG Calculation with the Mooring and Risers Modelled as Constant Vertical Weights

This item presents the calculation of the KG for the Calibration Item and for the overall KG of the condition for each Position considering the mooring and riser loads as constant vertical loads applied in the respective fairleads or connection points. It should be noted that this approach is the recommended way by the rules and regulations to take into account the mooring and risers loads. In this type of method the horizontal component (T_h) of the mooring loads is not considered and also the variation due to the change in position of the connection points is also not included in the calculations. Only the vertical component (T_v) as a constant load is considered.

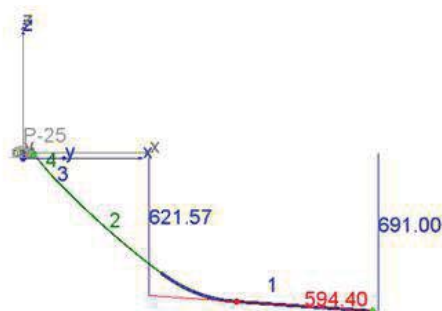


Figure 27 – Mooring Line Catenary

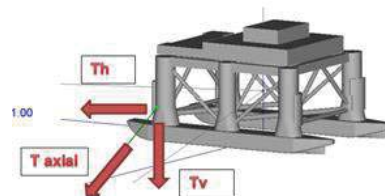


Figure 28 – Mooring line tension components



Table 19 – Vertical Component of Tension

	Vertical Constant Load (t)	X(m)	Y(m)	Z(m)
L1	88.85	39.5	35	16.8
L2	90.07	35.2	36	16.8
L3	86.47	30.6	34.8	16.8
L4	83.69	-30.6	34.8	16.8
L5	83.58	-35.2	36	16.8
L6	82.48	-39.5	35	16.8
L7	81.65	-39.5	-35	16.8
L8	86.83	-35.2	-36	16.8
L9	77.39	-30.6	-34.8	16.8
L10	79.37	30.6	-34.8	16.8
L11	91.55	35.2	-36	16.8
L12	88.20	39.5	-35	16.8

Table 20 – VCG Coord. Calculated for
Inclining Test Positions without Offset and
with Constant Vertical Tension

	Displ (t)	Draft Origin (m)	Resultant Heel SSTAB (deg)	Resultant Trim SSTAB (deg)	LCG (m)	TCG (m)	VCG (m)
POS01 - 13:00	33350.01	23.31	-0.23	0.01	0.056	0.08	
POS02 - 13:20	33342.52	23.3	-0.02	2.58	0.33	0	18.92
POS03 - 13:49	33349.72	23.31	0.07	2	0.28	0	18.76
POS04 - 14:04	33349.26	23.31	0.06	1.56	0.24	0	18.67
POS05 - 14:24	33348.61	23.31	0.06	0.97	0.19	0	18.34
POS06 - 14:48	33349.9	23.31	0.08	0.49	0.14	-0.01	18.37
POS07 - 15:07	33347.32	23.31	0.01	0.03			
POS08 - 15:31	33345	23.3	0.07	-0.63	0.03	0	19.92
POS09 - 15:56	33349.71	23.31	0.17	-1.09	-0.01	-0.01	19.62
POS10 - 16:16	33347.66	23.31	0.14	-1.56	-0.05	-0.01	19.56
POS11 - 16:38	33344.59	23.3	0.1	-2.08	-0.1	-0.01	19.34
POS12 - 17:02	33343.91	23.3	0.13	-2.58	-0.15	-0.01	19.27
POS13 - 17:23	33342.09	23.3	0.02	0.04			
Averages	33346.95	23.31			0.09	0.00	19.08

5.7 KG Calculation with the Mooring and Risers Modelled as Constant Vertical Weights and with Liquid Cargoes as Solid Weights

In this item the objective is to consider the liquid cargo as a fixed item, without variation due to the inclination of the platform. This is the usual way to perform the hydrostatic calculations, without including the effect of the change in the coordinates of the center of gravity of the liquid cargo inside the tank. The SSTAB program automatically calculates the change in the liquid form of the cargo due to the inclination and the consequent moment that is produced by this change. Usually this effect is taken into account by the correction of the free surface effect by the elevation of the vertical coordinate of the tank center of gravity. The purpose of this item is to investigate the free surface correction in tanks with shapes different from the parallel walls assumption used to determine the increase in the vertical coordinate of the overall KG of the condition. In this way the liquid cargo was considered as fixed and the free surface correction would have to be applied and a comparison with the option with the liquid cargo equilibrium within the tank is performed.

The tanks used to incline the platform, as already mentioned are the tanks S05WBT and S11WBT. The shape of the tanks are the same and as the inclinations are around the Y axis (trim), the resultant shapes of the water line can be seen below.

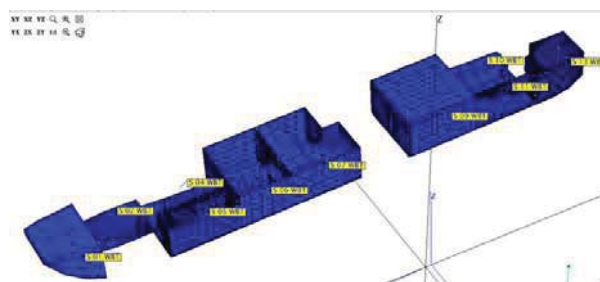


Figure 29 – Pontoon Ballast Tanks Level

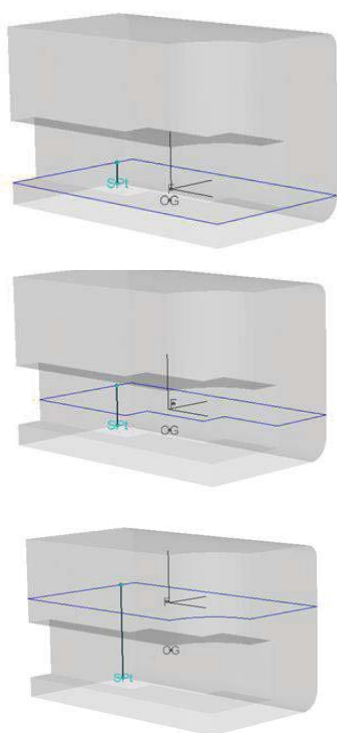


Figure 30 – Three ballast levels of Tank S05WBT showing the complex shape (Level 1, 2 and 5 m)

Table 21 – VCG Coord. Calculated for Inclining Test Positions without Offset with Constant Vertical Tension and with Ballast Tanks as Solid Weights

	Displ (t)	Draft Origin (m)	Resultant Heel SSTAB (deg)	Resultant Trim SSTAB (deg)	LCG (m)	TCG (m)	VCG (m)
POS01 - 13:00	33350.01	23.31	-0.23	0.01	0.056	0.08	
POS02 - 13:20	33343.14	23.3	-0.06	2.57	0.31	0	19.33
POS03 - 13:49	33350.48	23.31	-0.01	1.99	0.27	0	19.24
POS04 - 14:04	33350.54	23.31	-0.01	1.55	0.23	0	19.14
POS05 - 14:24	33350.61	23.31	-0.01	0.97	0.18	0	18.76
POS06 - 14:48	33352.64	23.32	0.01	0.48	0.13	0	18.44
POS07 - 15:07							
POS08 - 15:31	33344.69	23.3	0.05	-0.63	0.04	0	20.48
POS09 - 15:56	33349.27	23.31	0.15	-1.09	0	-0.01	20.19
POS10 - 16:16	33346.99	23.31	0.12	-1.54	-0.03	0	20.06
POS11 - 16:38	33343.63	23.3	0.08	-2.07	-0.08	0	19.85
POS12 - 17:02	33342.66	23.3	0.08	-2.58	-0.13	0	19.76
POS13 - 17:23							
Averages	33347.70	23.31			0.09	0.01	19.53

5.8 Preliminary Verification of Results of the Experimental Offshore Inclining Test

Based on the results obtained above one can verify on Table 22 the estimated KG of the Calibration Item (including all items except the tanks and lines) and the overall condition KG of the typical SS Unit following the 4 different approaches:

Table 22 – Final KG

Option	Liquids Cargoes	Mooring & Riser	Offset	KG Calibrated Item(m)	KG Solid All Items(m)	GMT (m)
1	Fluid	Catenary	Yes	29.89	20.4	2.05
2	Fluid	Catenary	No	29.54	20.19	2.26
3	Fluid	Constant	No	27.68	19.08	3.37
4	Solid	Constant	No	28.43	19.53	2.92

In Table 22 one can see clearly the effect of the Mooring and Risers in the calculation of the KG and hence in the stability. In Option 2 the KG was calculated considering the exact effect of the mooring and risers calculated with the catenary formulation, therefore increasing the Condition KG, whereas in Option 3 this effect was not considered resulting in a smaller KG (19.08 m). In this way the current approach of not considering the mooring and riser contribution results in a difference of 1.11 m in the Condition KG, i.e. with the mooring and riser contribution considered correctly the platform would have a KG of 20.19 m. The conclusion is that the effect of mooring and risers is beneficial for the stability introducing a restoring moment that is not considered in the conventional analysis including the effect of tension as constant weights.

Another aspect that should be considered is the influence of the moment induced by the liquids inside the tanks. In this particular case the comparison of Option 3 and Option 4 leads to a KG increase of 0.45 m. The use of the conventional free surface correction (calculated as Transversal FS = 0.24 m and Longitudinal Free Surface = 0.335) is smaller than 0.45, showing an inadequate correction of the effect

of the inclination of the liquids due to the complex shape of the tanks.

The final KG of the test condition considering the effect of the mooring and risers and the offset is 20.4 m and the KG of all items except the mooring and risers and liquid cargoes is 29.89 m. That leads to a GMT of 2.05 m and a GML of 4.04 m. Without considering the exact catenary effects and the correct effect of the liquids inclination inside complex tanks the Condition KG would be 19.53 m and the Calibration Item KG would be 28.43 m. The latter values are the ones that are used to verify the IMO and Classification Societies rules.

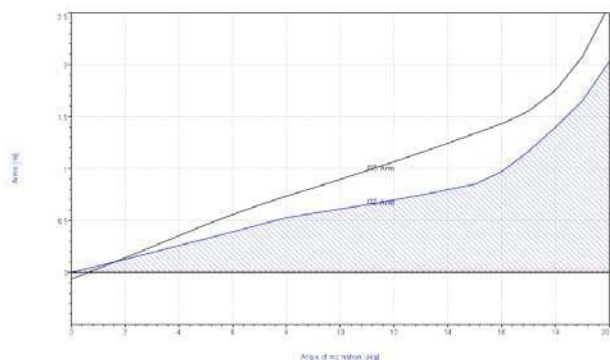


Figure 31 – GZ Curve with Mooring Lines defined as Catenary Model (black) and with Fixed Weights (blue)

Figure 31 shows the GZ curve for inclination around the Y axis (trim) for the SS with the same KG for the Calibration Item (29.89 m) and the Condition of POS01, showing the influence of the Mooring and Risers modelled as catenaries increasing the GZ.

6. CONCLUSIONS

It has been shown, firstly in model test scale and secondly in full scale, that an offshore inclining test is a feasible procedure.

The IMO Rules and Regulations were developed aiming at ships and mobile offshore units, without taking into account permanent

offshore moored units that remain in the field for 25 to 30 years. In this way alternative procedures and regulations shall be implemented in order to consider the special nature of this type of unit.

The offshore test is a sound and robust way to assess and to guarantee the safety of offshore units throughout their operational lives. All procedures are based on proven measurement devices and engineering methodologies.

The mooring and risers effect is beneficial for the stability, introducing an additional restoring moment that is not considered in the current calculations of stability.

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Lifecycle Properties of Stability – beyond Pure Technical Thinking

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ABSTRACT

This paper addresses the importance of understanding a stable ship through its lifecycle, which goes beyond purely technical thinking. Not only is it sufficient to address under what circumstances the vessel is operating during its life cycle, but the vessel needs to be stability wise, prepared to handle safely any likely operational condition. Binary decision-making, such as a Ship A complies with the norm, therefore Ship A is stable throughout its life cycle, is only valid for a specific set of scenarios and pre-defined operational conditions, usually involving most advanced and precise engineering methods on the technical aspect, but not necessarily taking into account accurately other important ship-as-a-complex-system aspects being used for different operational scenarios over its life cycle. Our proposition is that stability is, after all, a system lifecycle property, and should be treated as such. How this proposition is observed by a systems engineering classification, both technically and operationally, is discussed in the paper. Stability as a system lifecycle property is observed via change enabled paths, with its agents, effects and mechanisms. The implications for design of five change related lifecycle properties (ilities) are discussed, namely flexibility, adaptability, robustness, scalability and modifiability. We also reflect upon the use of a complex system engineering five-aspect taxonomy. Structural and behavioural aspects are briefly commented based on classical stability formulation, on how internal (e.g. cargo) and external (e.g. environment) stimulus influence the stability. External factors that influence the concept of stability in a certain scenario, such as mission type, location of the mission and market behaviour, are also considered on the contextual aspect. Uncertainties over time, and how it affects the ship stability, are considered from a temporal perspective. The perceptual aspect presents the understanding of stability as a valuable lifecycle property after the ship is put into initial use. A prescriptive semantic basis for stability is proposed as an extension of this work, applying a general change-related ility pattern introduced by recent systems engineering research.

Keywords: *Lifecycle Properties, Stability and Systems Engineering, Ship as a Complex System.*

1. INTRODUCTION – ON THE VALUE OF STABILITY

Stability is such a fundamental property of the vessel that it is inherently connected to every kind of its operation and design approach. Design for safety, for instance,

would treat stability as the most uncertain aspect of the vessel design solution to be always feared, with designers being asked right on the first meeting: *What is the worst case scenario that this vessel can operate and yet be considered stable, sound safe?* Design

for maximum vessel performance would observe stability as a key constraint for modifications in a current design process, *We could have a bigger crane if the stability criteria did not played such a strong role*, one may say, when designing a new offshore construction vessel. The extension of such an exercise would find stability mentioning in pretty much every X at the Design for X studies (Andrews, 2009; IMDC 2012).

On the other side of the spectre we find new trends on observing qualities of a complex system, such as operability, modularity, maintainability, sustainability and robustness. These new trends and drivers are influencing shipowners' businesses a great deal, shifting perception from the delivery of goods by a ship with a size X and power Y to providing service A and B within safety, economic, and

environmental constraints. As Bodénes describes (2013), a decade ago, a shipowner would sit with the designer and discuss hull and propulsion; Today, the meetings are steered by factors such as safety, fuel consumption, capability, and reliability, necessitating documenting this kind of information as precisely as possible. There is, however, no consensus on how this precision can be achieved, especially since this required knowledge is not easy to access due to the abstract (one may say humanistic or non-metric) nature of these factors. Given that there is a clear shift from purely technical to knowledge-oriented factors, we can ask how then the traditional idea of stability fits on it? How is stability connected to a conception of value that includes not only immediate economic return, but also robustness toward uncertain lifecycle scenarios?

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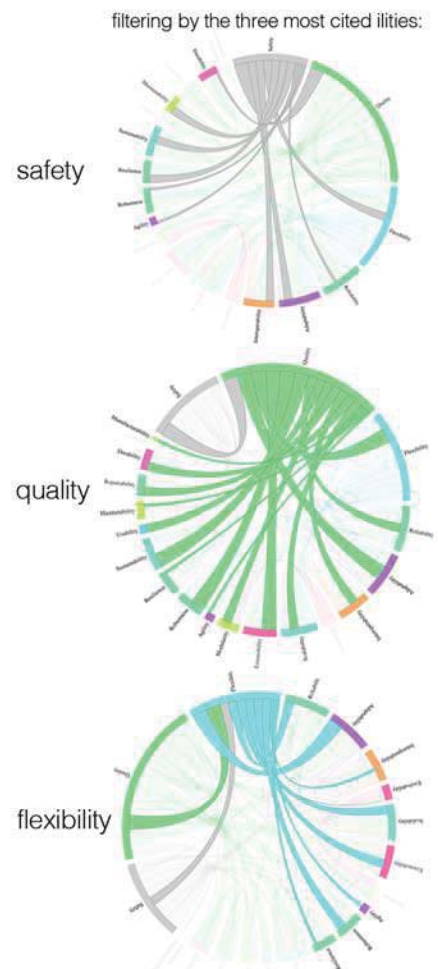
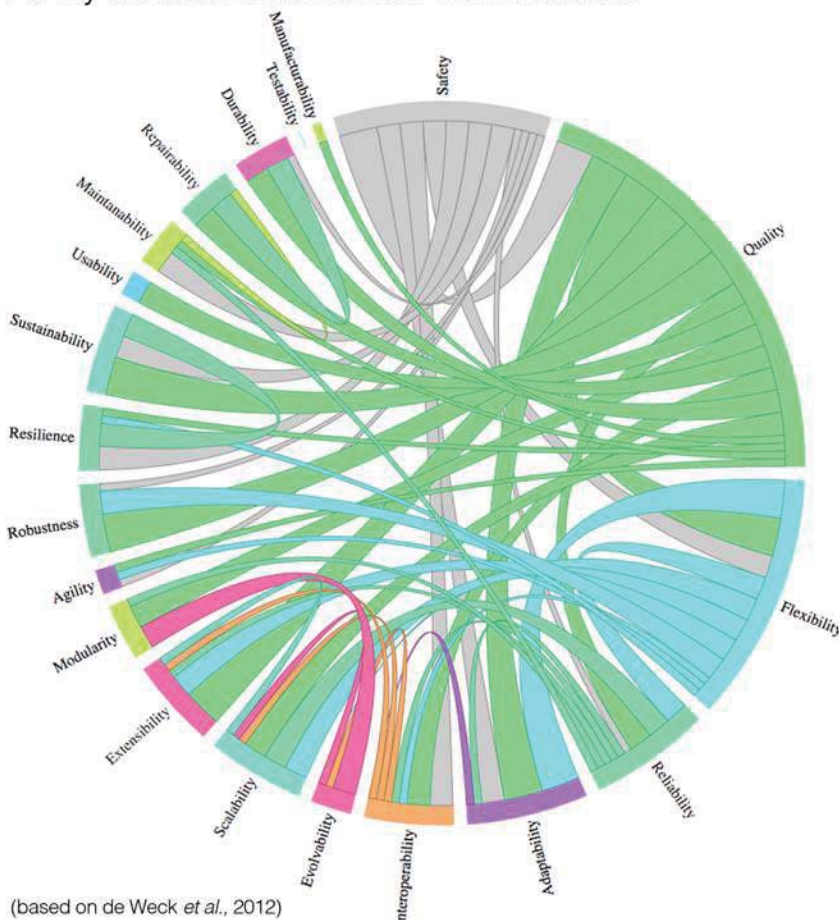


Figure 1 - ilities co-occurrence in engineering literature (based on de Weck *et al.*, 2012)

This paper observes and discusses the stability as a system lifecycle property (ilities), connecting it to other ilities and its implications for vessel design. Section 2 proposes key ship design ilities categorized in top requirements, constraints and change related properties. Stability as a lifecycle property is investigated in Section 3, with its agents, effects and mechanisms, as well as implication for design. A five-aspect taxonomy is used to understand the factors that influence value (Section 4).

Extension of this work using system engineering prescriptive semantic basis is briefly investigated in Section 5. A discussion on the desire for proper stability and its value during the vessel lifecycle appears in the conclusion (Section 6).

2. KEY SHIP DESIGN ILITIES

The traditional understanding of lifecycle properties relates to the satisfactory performance from a quality perspective, over the full lifespan of the vessel system. They describe some essential property of the system connected (or resulted from) the form and function mapping of the system. Ilities typically relates to qualities above and beyond cost/schedule and performance expectations for the system development and operation. In other words, requirements that are not necessarily part of the fundamental set of requirements or constraints, but that act as a response to uncertain factors, such as threats (perturbations) and constraints (limitations) (Ross, 2008, 2014).

Many systems engineering authors are giving emphasis to the study of system lifecycle properties in complex systems during the last decade (Hastings *et al.* 2012). *Croud source* approaches, for instance, gathered in 2012 identified more than 80 ilities that can be used to evaluate the performance of a system (Ross and Rhodes, 2015). Descriptive surveys based on occurrence of ilities in written media attempted to illustrate the occurrence and

dependence of these properties in journal Articles (Figure 1, based on de Weck *et al.*, 2012).

Expressing wishes or expectations for a proper clarification of a property seems essential but, as noted by Rhodes and Ross (2015), tracing and mapping these wishes/expectations remains an ambiguous task. Therefore, selecting and filtering such ilities to the most relevant ones within a specific field is then a necessary challenge.

Table 1 – Key Ship Design Ilities

property	definition	category
QUALITY	The ship is well made to achieve its desired functions (missions) throughout its lifecycle	Top
RELIABILITY	The ship operates throughout its lifecycle without need of unplanned repair or intensive maintenance	Top
SAFETY	The ship operates in a state of acceptable risk, minimizing danger, injury or loss	Top
RESILIENCY	The ship can continue to provide required capabilities in the face of critical failures, such as subsystems malfunctions and environmental challenges	Constraint
AFFORDABILITY	The ship remains delivering value to the stakeholders (e.g. owner, operator, customer) in face of context shifts throughout its lifecycle	Constraint
SURVIVABILITY	The ship minimizes the impact of a finite duration disturbance on overall performance	Constraint
FLEXIBILITY	The ship's dynamic ability to take advantage of external opportunity, mitigating risk by enabling the ship to respond to context shifts in order to retain or increase performance	Change
ADAPTABILITY	The ship's dynamic ability to take advantage of internal opportunity, mitigating risk by enabling the ship to respond to context shifts in order to retain or increase performance	Change
SCALABILITY	A ship parameter can be scaled (e.g. increased/decreased) in order to retain or increase performance	Change
MODIFIABILITY	A ship can modify its form/ essence/ configuration in order to retain or increase performance	Change
ROBUSTNESS	The ship maintains an acceptable level of performance through context shifts with no change in its parameters	Change

(based on Hastings *et al.*, 2012; Ross, 2008; de Weck *et al.*, 2012; Jasionowski and Vassalos, 2010).

Approaching ship design as a complex system problem (Gaspar *et al.*, 2012), we

propose in Table 1 eleven key ilities connected to ship design. A general definition is presented, withihn three main categories. *Quality*, *Reliability* and *Safety* are considered top requirements the “Design for X” concept, meaning that every stakeholder desires a high quality ship (for instance better among peers), with safety (lower risk) and reliable (higher trust). *Resiliency*, *Affordability* and *Survivability* are considered constraints requirements, defined by price (afford) and how much it can survive disturbances (survivability) and critical failures (resiliency), in which the vessels stops to deliver value if not considered resilient, affordable and survivable at any point of its lifespan.

Change related ilities are connected to the changeability concept presented by Ross (2008), where changes can be considered as the transition over time of a parameter of the ship to an altered state (e.g. of stability). For the rest of this work we will use the terms of this last category to situate and compare stability among other lifecycle properties, pointing out how it influences the perception of an “-able” vessel during its lifecycle (e.g. stable, flexible, affordable, adaptable).

3. STABILITY AS A SYSTEM LIFECYCLE PROPERTY

3.1 Changes in Stability as Enabled Paths

Many lifecycle properties can be understood as how *good* the system reacts to changes in its form and function. Our assumption is thus that stability is a change-related ility (Ross and Rhodes, 2015), and should be treated as such, since stability crosses between technical and operational system’s metrics. On the initial phases of the value chain, such as concept and basic design, stability is strongly technical, connected to the system form and architecture. It is measured using a structural/behavioural metric, such as criteria

for GM, GZ curves and classification society rules.

Later, during operation, changes in the form are not an immediate option, and operational metrics gain in relevance. The performance is then measured based on the mission and environment factors that the ship is subjected to. Operational metrics thus are connected to the relation between stability and other attributes of the ship, such as rolling, pitch and heave acceleration, as well as survivability when perturbed/damaged (Neves *et al.*, 2010).

In this context, it is possible to consider changes in the events of a vessel as paths between different situations/states (Ross, 2014), for instance from *stable* to *unstable* as well as to *more operable due to moderate rolling* to *less operable due to heavy rolling*. This path is affected by external and internal agents, as well as mechanisms to balance/infer the effects of these agents.

To exemplify, consider stability having two essential binary states: stable and unstable. A change event in these conditions can be characterized with three elements: i) the agents of change; ii) the mechanism of change; and iii) the effect of change (Figure 2).

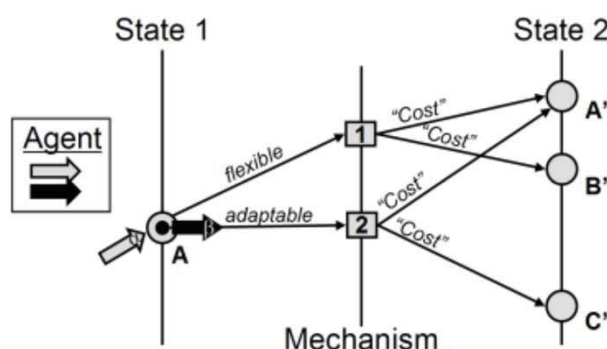


Figure 2 - Changes in stability as paths between states (Ross, 2008)

Consider A the actual state of a ship (for instance stable). An external active change agent α , such as a wave, wind, cargo displacement or damage, acts on the system (ship), affecting its stability. These disturbances accept two paths. First, without



any other agent, the system incorporates a certain mechanism (1), such as listing and/or righting arm, leading to a new state, such as more stable, less stable or unstable (A' , B' , C'). Another external change agent (responsive, β) can be incorporated on the system after the initial change occurs, such as intervention from the bridge to reconfigure anti-heeling tanks, leading to the system to adapt to the new situation with another change mechanism (e.g. movement of liquid cargo to counterbalancing heeling, or roll damping tanks). The cost in this model is not necessary connected to a monetary value, but to any value that represents time and/or resources use, such as energy, fuel, reaction and operation time. A summary of the model is listed in Table 2.

3.2 Agents, effects and mechanisms

During vessel design one must consider which technical (hull size, bow shape, tanks division) and operational (accelerations, risk level) metrics should be considered when analysing the vessel's stability. These choices interfere directly on how the ship will react given a perturbation in its stability state. Our assumption is that change related ilities (Table 1) can be used to define which agents, effects and mechanisms will be used to counteract perturbations in the ship stability (Ross, 2008).

Table 2 – Stability's elements of change

Element	Description	Term
Change agent	Element external to the ship, which affects the stability state, such as humans, software or natural phenomena. It can be considered active agents, such as an external force, environmental conditions (wave, current, wind), cargo handling, accidental forces (e.g. winch break, crane failure); as well as responsive agents (external counteractions), such as human decision to manoeuvring, to fill a ballast tank or to retrofit the ship.	α, β
Change Mechanism	The particular path the ship must take during transition to one prior state (stable) to another post state (more stable, less stable, unstable), such as new heading, tank filling, anchor handling drop, retrofit.	1, 2
Change Effects	Effect on the ship after action from agents - more stable, less stable or unstable.	$A' - A, B' - A, C' - A$

Potential Paths

Possible paths when the ship change from one state to another	$\alpha:A-1-A'$ $\alpha:A-1-B'$ $\alpha,\beta:A-2-A'$ $\alpha,\beta:A-2-C'$
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Stability change agents are divided according to its location. External change agents are considered a flexible-type (e.g. wind heeling the ship, human action to change heading or cargo placement), while internal change agents are considered adaptable-type (e.g. bilge keel or antiroll tanks).

According to this taxonomy, designing for flexibility means facing changes in stability with an external agent, such as the operator at the bridge changing a current parameter of the ship. Designing for adaptability, on the other hand, would tackle changes in the stability state using only internal configurations of the ship-system, such as hull design, automatic antiroll tanks or passive bilge keels.

Effects in stability are considered the difference in states before and after an agent affects the system, indicating that a change in the attribute (e.g. GM value / heeling angle / roll period) has occurred.

A robust effect is the ability of the system to remain relatively constant in parameters in spite of system internal and external disturbances (therefore operable). Design for robustness in stability means that the ship will handle the active change agents by itself, maintain itself operable/survivable under an acceptable level of external forces aging upon it.

When parameters need to be changed we are talking about scalability. It means that, for the system to remain stable within the operational range over time, we need to change the scale of one its parameters, such as fill a ballast tank, modify heading or lower the load of a crane.

Modifiability is when the ship requires a modification in its main form/arrangement to remain stable under a certain operation. This



requires usually a redesign or retrofit of the vessel to incorporate new structural aspects, such as new antiroll tanks and/or structural reinforcement.

Mechanisms can be understood as the paths that the ship must take to transit between states. It includes elements inherent to the ship design process, such as necessary subsystems, components, resources, conditions and constraints that allows a path between two situations, such as *less stable to more stable*, *higher roll acceleration to lower roll accelerations*.

For the sake of exemplification, lets consider a crane operation with heavy cargo. The change agent is the crane, and the change effect is the GM value and heeling angle of the ship. Many possible paths (mechanisms) can be taken to minimize heeling angle and keeping safe GM values. The active agent (crane) can modify its arm length and height or even drop the cargo. The ship operator (responsive agent) can turn on dynamic positioning (DP) or roll compensation mechanism. Each action, thus, is connected to a *cost* in terms of time and resources to correct the effect caused by the crane.

When taking these definitions in the initial design process, design for many potential change mechanisms means design for different costs, with potential costs for a given path in a given condition. Over time, not only the cost of a mechanism may change, but also more paths can be added to the ship via new capabilities on board or retrofit of the ship. Table 3 summarizes the Stability's implications for design in terms of flexibility, adaptability robustness, scalability and modularity

Table 3 – Change related properties in Stability

<i>Design for</i>	<i>Description</i>
Flexibility	The stability change agent is external to the ship-system. Change mechanisms are possible under external (human, computer) actions
Adaptability	The stability change agent is internal to the ship-system.
Robustness	Design a vessel that keeps stable under conditions' change. Change mechanisms are inherent to the design
Scalability	Design a vessel able to be stable under a set of conditions when its parameters are scalable. For instance activate anti-heeling tanks or move deck cargo.
Modifiability	Vessel is only able to be stable after modifications are incorporated in its form, via re-design or retrofit. It may be the case for a low initial capital cost, with option for a retrofit and more stability in the long-term, if future contracts require it.

3.3 Lifecycle implications for ilities in stability during initial design

Our assumption is that designers should no longer only consider stability properties that meet today's regulations and requirements, but rather consider the implications and consequences of the lifecycle technical, operational and commercial context changes early in the design process (Ulstein and Brett, 2012; 2015), including change related mechanisms into the ship, which allow cost-effective reactions on how it behaves to disturbances in its stability related attributes. In order to explicit address the desire of a shipowner to have flexibility, it is necessary to gather more information about the desired responsive change agent, change effect and mechanisms, as *desiring flexibility alone is an imprecise request*. In this sense, we build on Ross (2008) proposition of analysing and evaluating stability related in five basic steps:

i) Specify the origin of the active change agents (perturbances, disturbances), and in which operational conditions they occur. For instance, finite duration active agents such as wave, wind, short operation loads (hanging, moving) or even chaotic motions; as well as long term shifts (likely to last), such as cargo placement/shift, long operation (towing, crane),



damage, free-surface, flooding, collision, grounding should be specified.

ii) Determine the acceptable *cost* threshold, that is, response time and resource uses when disturbed, as well as determining the shipowner willingness to pay for a more stable vessel, such as wider breadth, faster antiroll system, stronger hull or higher dynamic position capability.

iii) Specify if the origin of responsive agent, that is, internal (adaptable and incorporate in the ship as a system) or external (acting on the ship but external to its boundaries).

iv) Consider which effect is expected for each of the responsive agents selected in iii). Robust effects will change no parameter, being inherent to the form/arrangement of the ship. Changes in the level of a vessel parameter creates scalable effects, such as modification of the tension in a towing line, as well as filling up the antiroll tank or activating the DP system. Modifiable effects require changes in the nature of a certain parameter of the ship, such as the installation of a more powerful anti-heeling pump, a new crane or rearrangement of the ship load distribution.

v) Analysis and evaluation of the vessel design space is done in the last phase, considering, which capabilities should be inherent or installed on board the ship, in terms of disturbances (active agents), reactions (responsive agents), and effects on stability related attributes. For example, if the shipowner requires the ship to be adaptable and robust regarding supply operation in North Sea high wave conditions, while flexible when performing anchor-handling operation in more extreme conditions, then response mechanisms that are able to be flexible and adaptable must be considered when evaluating the design space. In this way, the specific *adaptability* (in terms of low accelerations while supplying) and *flexibility* (in terms of controlling safe GM and low acceleration while anchor-handling in extreme conditions) can be weighed against

cost (time/resource) requirements and rules constraints. At the end, we should converge towards a set of quantified lifecycle properties, that is, a value gain versus cost when talking about *robustness* or *scalability*.

4. HANDLING VESSEL STABILITY COMPLEXITY IN A LIFECYCLE CONTEXT VIA A FIVE-ASPECTS TAXONOMY

A systemic approach for defining complexity in ship design is presented by Gaspar *et al.* (2012a, 2012b), where the complexity of a system is captured through five main aspects, namely: Structural (structure and relationships), Behavioural (performance), Contextual (circumstances), Temporal (changes in context and uncertainties) and Perceptual (stakeholders' viewpoint). Here we use these taxonomy to clarify, organize and handle the information necessary to properly identify and build up the elements necessary to understand stability as a lifecycle property.

Structural and behavioural aspects connect to the traditional technical understanding that stability depends on the ship main dimensions, the shape of the submerged hull and tanks/cargo arrangement, as well as location of unprotected openings such as engine room air intakes and the actual location of centre of gravity KG. Well-known trade-offs analysis, when determining the main dimensions and hull form, should be conducted among some major design disciplines, such as sea keeping, stability, manoeuvrability, sufficient cargo hold volume and payload capacity. Considering a ship with large GM, for instance, where the righting arm developed at small angles of heel is also large. Such a ship is usually considered *stiff* and will resist roll. However, if the metacentric height of this ship is small, with smaller righting arm, the vessel may be considered tender, rolling slowly. Practical offshore support vessel (OSV) design experience shows the necessity of balance between generating stiff or tender design, since



they have opposite influences on stability of vessel and convenience of crew during site operation. A *design for safety* thus will be contradictory to a *design for operability*. Therefore, if a shipowner invests in robustness for the reason that his or her vessel may be considered safe for a wide range of conditions, the same investment may lead to a loss in contracts due to limited cargo capacity or smaller crew comfort. What the designer should consider then is the nature of the reaction of the vessel, for instance, by changing one of its change effects, for instance a tank installed in a higher deck (modifiability) that can be filled during site operation (scalability). The initial robust solution is unable to properly consider the extension of the stability complexity, while the modifiable / scalable solution is.

The contextual aspect pertains to the external circumstances to which the vessel is subject to during operation and how its behaviour is affected accordingly. The applied contextual factors in traditional ship design are often dominated by various technical and economic factors during exploration of the technical design space such as meteorological conditions, rules and regulations, supply and demand, breakeven rates and so forth. Such factors will impose a range of requirements and restrictions, the resulting solution space will be significantly delimited, inherently affecting the shape of the vessel and consequently narrowing the diversification of potential stability characteristics. In order to move beyond pure technical thinking, stability as a lifecycle property, which must also be included as input when considering the boundaries of the design space. In other words, stability must be perceived as something more than just metacentric height, a GZ-curve and a characteristic of operational performance. It should also be considered an attribute of value creation across contextual factors, i.e. diversifying the categories of which stability value is commonly quantified by. Exemplifying, a remarkably stable vessel could be considered technically superior, but at the

same time, it may also require compensatory investments leading to an increased capital cost. Viewing this in a contextual lifecycle perspective the value of this increased robustness should also be considered in terms of factors such as flexibility, adaptability, and current and presumed market developments.

When considering a vessel from a temporal perspective, changes in the system's lifespan occurring at disparate points in time, in conjunction with a highly scattered degree of uncertainty, together constitute the fourth taxonomy aspect. When viewing stability as a lifecycle property, a method of quantifying contextual shifts is necessary. The technical perspective would take into account the probable spectre of applicable mission types and operational modes by utilizing a traditional set of analyses, and conclude based on input parameters such as wave height and direction, currents, mass distribution, and hull shape. These types of analyses unquestionably provide excellent sources of information regarding a vessel's stability characteristics; however, they do not take into account contextual variations in an uncertain temporal perspective. One possible method of quantifying such complex information is Epoch Era Analysis (EEA) (Ross and Rhodes, 2008, Gaspar *et al.*, 2012b, Keane *et al.*, 2015), which captures future expectations by encapsulating each factor-variant in a fixed (epoch) and dynamic (era) time-constrained context setting that should be further analysed in terms of probability, optimality, performance, value, and utility, to name a few. This enables the incorporation of multi-values, attributes and assumptions that previously may have been side-lined, generating data for the perceptual aspect.

The overall lifecycle property connected to the perceptual aspect is value robustness, which is used, including but not limited to aspects presented above, to define in multi-perspective a better vessel among a design set. Value robustness is the ability of a system to continue to deliver stakeholder value in face of shifts in



context and needs (Ross and Rhodes, 2008). In ship design, this means a ship perceived successful by stakeholders throughout the lifetime of the vessel. Rather than maximizing value delivered by a ship in one situation, we need to maximize it over a range of situations and preferences of the owner (or other constituents). This might reduce the maximum possible reward but also minimize the maximum possible loss, with relevance increasing as uncertainty grows and investors become more risk aware (Gaspar *et al.*, 2015).

In this context, how to perceive stability as a lifecycle property, and make benefit of it to bring more value to the vessel? How to really decompose the multi-perspective perception of what a stakeholder would understand as a valuable ility? Ebrahimi *et al.* (2015) notes that the perception of a better (therefore stable) vessel relies in *a middle term perspective, between the pure satisficing and maximizing the goodness of fit of all stakeholders' expectations*. On one hand, we would like to select the best solution, by creating and analysing all possible risk situations and alternatives, and choose the best. Our limitation as human beings, however, allow us to only compare and contrast a very limited set of variables and alternatives when trying to find the good enough stability. Ulstein and Brett (2015) propose the application of different perspectives to overcome these limitations. *Technical, Operational and Commercial* perspective for instance, links to the vessel skills and level of efficiency needed for a particular operation, while *Smarter, Safer and Greener* perspective connects to a more fashionable idea of effectiveness, increasing the overall effect of the combined technical, operational and commercial performance. The change related ilities are tackled in their approach for *design for efficiency*, where flexibility, agility and robustness are observed in terms of the ability of the vessel to perform different operation, move and upgrading itself quickly and not likely to fail.

5. TOWARDS A PRESCRIPTIVE SEMANTIC BASIS FOR STABILITY

We are aware of the challenges when extending the concept of stability, connecting it to less technical lifecycle properties. While stability is traditionally a well-defined and quantified term in ship design, the informal meaning, ambiguity, synonymy and lack of scientific precision (and therefore standard) for the pre-mentioned ilities raise a yellow flag. This concern does not relate solely to the stability issue, but to the assessment and quantification of all ilities in general. *Flexibility*, for instance, may be connected to the ability *to change* as well as to the ability to *satisfy multiple needs*.

Therefore, to assume that stability can be defined and measured in terms of properties such as flexibility, adaptability, modifiability, scalability and robustness, we need to have a more precise understanding of these terms. Ross and Rhodes (2015) address this issue by proposing a generalization of the change related properties, via a prescriptive semantic basis for these ilities. Starting from the same principle of change agent, effect and mechanism, the authors propose a larger set of twenty categories (elements) for defining a larger set of possible changes in a system. This semantic basis aims to capture the essential difference among change-related ilities, in the following proposed general statement (categories emphasized): “in response to perturbation in context during phase, desire agent to make some nature impetus to the system parameter from origin(s) to destination(s) in the aspect using mechanism in order to have an effect to the outcome parameter from origin(s) to destination(s) in the aspect of the abstraction that are valuable with respect to the thresholds in reaction, span, cost and benefit”.

For the illustrative purposes, we can use the aforementioned general pattern to create a statement that intends to capture a more precise meaning to which kind of lifecycle property in



stability are we talking about. When talking to *scalability*, for instance, one could state: “In response to a crane failure (*perturbation*) during heavy lift operation (*phase*) in the North Sea (*context*), desire operator (*agent*) to be able to decrease (*nature*) the heeling angle of the ship (*parameter*) from a less stable (*origin*) to more stable (*destination*) position (*aspect*) trough turning on the pumps that feeds the anti-heeling tanks (*mechanism*) in less than ten seconds (*reaction*) that results in the increasing of the volume of the tanks (*effect*), decreasing the heeling angle (*aspect*) to an acceptable value (*destination*) in the ship (*abstraction*) taking less than 30 seconds (*span*), with a energy use (*cost*) inferior than the actual installed system (*benefit*)”.

The basis allow then the parsing and decomposition of what one may understand as lifecycle property. When applied to stability, however, this basis can be a bit overwhelming, and simplifications can be done according to phase of the lifecycle studied. When evaluating different mechanisms to overcome unstable conditions, for instance, we may fix the other elements, while leaving the *mechanism* option open, allowing designer to propose and evaluate different alternative paths for meeting the criteria. In this case, considering the example from the last paragraph, rather than proposing the use of anti-heeling tank, one could suggest a second crane to compensate, or adaptations at hull form or at the anti-roll system. In other case, we case vary the causes of failure, investigating which cases of perturbation require robust, scalable and modifiable solutions.

Note also that the concept of *cost* introduced in Section 3.1 is also extended, incorporating common trade-offs that can be used to judge the goodness of a stability performance of a ship, such as *reaction* (timing), *span* (duration), *cost* (resources) and *benefit* (utility).

6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Much research is currently being developed on the topic of less technical lifecycle properties, and yet many open questions require a more deep study until some consensus is reached as to what this set of agreed upon properties should be like. As for the case described in this paper, our intention was to show that a ship-owner may require a robust vessel system, but in real life situations he or she wants a ship system that can be changed in the future. Market conditions are changing over time and therefore, vessels have to change their capacity and capabilities (internalities) with such externalities. Thus, the way we normally handle the stability of ships from a naval architectural standpoint is not having the process quality of being able to deal with all internalities and externalities to the extent necessary for future flexible/adaptable ship design. Why do people desire higher stability for common initial load cases, while at the same time they know that the vessel over time will be subject to new operational situations not really catered for in the initial design solution space? Stability, may not have a value in and of itself, but rather may represent a significant boundary condition limitation for future adaptability and changeability of the ship at hand. Better prepared for and thought through, in the context of an epoch-era concept framework, stability can be allocated higher value in the future of ship design, than a strict boundary condition, normally,

For the sake of example, let us analyse the main stakeholder and needs of an OSV. It is assumed that the concept of safety considers the protection of human life and environment, and efficiency connects primarily to fuel and the cost (or savings) connected to it. Considering increasingly harsher operating conditions is a necessary precaution in order to reveal adequate stability characteristics when quantifying from a value robustness perspective. The increase of significant wave height, wind speed, and current, all contribute



towards a heightened range of loads and motions, consequentially increasing the risk of destabilizing the vessel, minimizing operational windows, and, inherently, depreciating value from a lifecycle perspective. Creating a vessel with sufficient capabilities to counter these effects increases the operational window, but traditionally will also widen the vessel resulting in increased hull resistance and a need for more power to uphold the same speed during transit and on site DP operations. It will also facilitate a higher payload capacity as well as a larger crane capability, again, enabling a wider range of mission profiles. On the extreme case, even if technically and theoretically science and technology are able to design and construct a vessel that does not capsize, such vessel would end up being unfit to operation or, most commonly, unaffordable. Thus, depending on the viewer's perspective regarding the value of stability, certain trade-offs will be virtually inescapable, e.g. payload capacity versus fuel consumption, or level of acceleration (crew comfort) versus operational utilization (up to allowed level of excitation). Using the concept of ilities can then facilitate the understanding and quantification of these stability trade-offs in future vessel design. In other words, a design can be better perceived as more valuable if stability is observed as a lifecycle system property.

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An Experimental Study on the Characteristics of Vertical Acceleration on Small High Speed Craft in Head Waves

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ABSTRACT

In this study, the characteristics of vertical acceleration on small high speed passenger craft in head waves are investigated experimentally, an empirical method to estimate it is proposed. First, how to decide the sampling frequency and the test duration (total number of waves encounters) is discussed to measure acceleration accurately. Next, the vertical acceleration on a hull is measured in regular and irregular waves, and the characteristics of the vertical acceleration for wave height, wave period and forward speed are investigated. And its probability density function is also investigated for the results in irregular waves. Moreover, the same measurements for two different hulls are carried out, and the effects of hull form is investigated.

Keywords: *vertical acceleration, small high craft, irregular waves*

1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, the maximum forward speed of small passenger craft is increasing. In case of the craft, the encounter wave period becomes shorter with increase of forward speed, and very large upward vertical acceleration is caused when its bow goes into the water surface. It is known that it cause not only bad ride comfort but also failure of hull or injury of passengers in some cases.

For development hull form, it is necessary to estimate the response of acceleration for its forward speeds and sea conditions. And for safety navigation management, it is important to estimate statistical short-term prediction of

occurrence of un-desired large vertical acceleration.

The purpose of this study is to investigate the above-mentioned characteristics of vertical acceleration of small high speed passenger craft. First, in order to measure accurate vertical acceleration by a partly captive model test, data sampling and data analysis methods are discussed. Next, the vertical acceleration on a hull is measured in regular and irregular waves, and the characteristics of the vertical acceleration for wave height, wave period and forward speed are investigated. And its probability density function is also investigated for the results in irregular waves. Moreover, the same measurements for two additional

different hulls are carried out, and the effects of hull form is investigated.

2. OBJECT SHIP

Table 1 and Fig.1 show the principle particulars of models and their photographs. Fig.2 shows the body plan of Ship A. Their loading condition is full load. They are fast semi-planing craft with warped V and their draft is shallower and L_{pp}/B is larger than typical planing hulls. In the comparisons among the models, L_{pp}/B of Ship B is smaller than others and dead rise angle of Ship B is larger than others.

Table 1 Principal particulars of the models in real scale.

	Ship A	Ship B	Ship C
Scale: 1/S	1/23.4	1/21.0	1/21.0
Length between perpendiculars: L_{pp} [m]	23.4	14.95	18.1
Breadth: B [m]	4.5	4.5	4.4
Deadrise angle at s.s.=5.0: β [deg]	18	18	24
Displacement: W [tonf]	36.76	25.91	31.51
Draft: d [m]	0.760	0.751	0.953

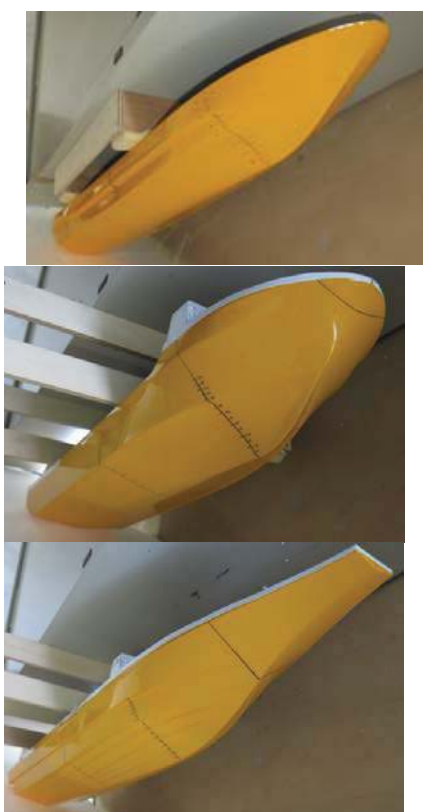


Fig.1 Photographs of the models (Ship A, B and C)

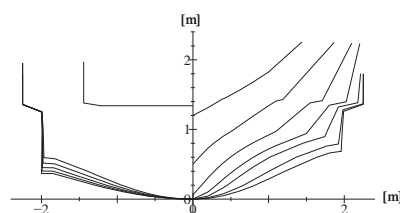


Fig.2 Body plan of the model (ship A).

3. MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS

3.1 Measuring device and coordinate system

Fig.2 show a schematic view of experiment and its coordinate system. Fig.3 shows its picture. A model is towed at constant speed with heaving and pitching free condition. And heaving (up: +), pitching (bow up: +) and normal acceleration on the base line of the hull (upward: +) are measured. Three acceleration sensors are installed on bow, midship and stern. Wave height is also measured with a servo type wave height meter attached to the towing carriage.

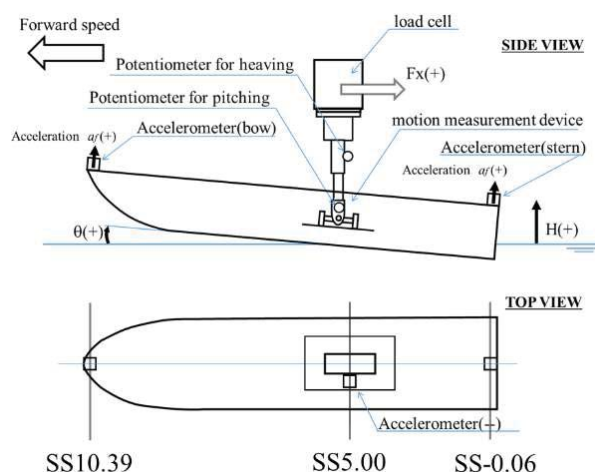


Fig.2 Schematic view of the experiment to measure vertical acceleration on hull



Fig.3 Photograph of the experiment.

3.2 Sampling frequencies

The sampling frequencies f_s [Hz] in the measurement is decided by eq.(1).

$$f_s \geq \frac{n_s}{\Delta t} \sqrt{s} \quad (1)$$

where s is the denominator of scale of model, Δt [sec] is the shortest duration of impact accelerations acting on hull in irregular waves in real scale, n_s is the number of sampling data in the impact acceleration. According to the reference (National Maritime Research Institute, 2007 and Takemoto et al., 1981), Δt is about 120msec in real scale. To express the peak of the impact acceleration, if $n_s = 4$ or 5 (Seakeeping Committee of ITTC, 2011) is assumed, an adequate $f_s = 200\text{Hz}$ is obtained. Fig.4 shows the convergency of average amplitude of vertical acceleration measured for different sampling frequencies (100, 200, 500, 1000Hz). The number of encounter waves is more than 400.

The upper figure shows the average of upward peak value of the acceleration and the under one shows the average of downward peak value of the acceleration, and the horizontal axis is sampling frequency. As a result, it is noted that the margin of error is smaller than 5% when the number of sampling frequencies is more than 200Hz. Therefore, the number of sampling frequencies in the measurement is decided for 200Hz.

Fig.5 shows a time history of measured acceleration at FP. In the measurement, the impact acceleration shown at $t = 0.7\text{seconds}$ in Fig.5 is observed commonly in each measured data. The acceleration occurs when its bow goes down into the water surface. In order to obtain the peak to peak values of the acceleration, zero-down crossing method is used in the analysis. As seen in Fig.5, time history of measured acceleration has noise. To take zero cross points, the data filtered with a central moving average method of 10 datum is used. On the other hand, to take accurate peak value of the acceleration, the data filtered with a central moving average method of 2 datum is used.

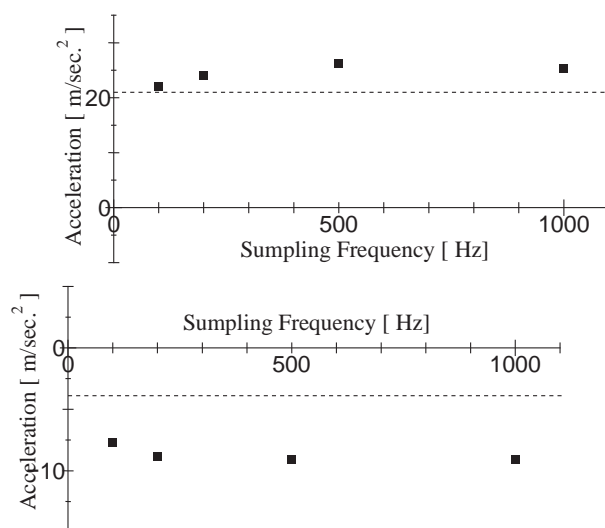


Fig.4 Variation of average of amplitude of vertical acceleration measured for different sampling frequencies. (upper figure: upward acceleration, lower figure: downward acceleration)

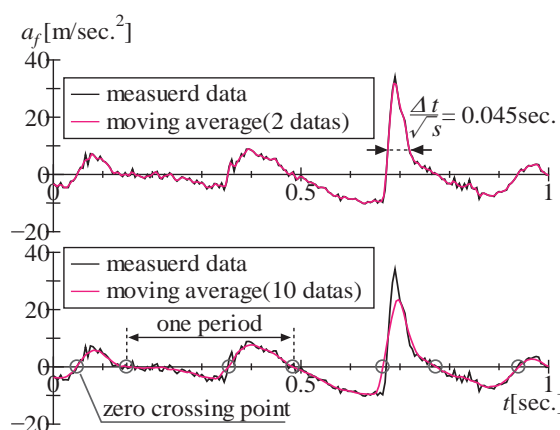


Fig.5 Time histories of measured data in irregular waves. (upper figure: a central moving average method of 2 datum, lower figure: a central moving average method of 10 datum)

3.3 Sampling number of encounter waves

Fig.6 shows the convergency of average amplitude of vertical acceleration measured for different sampling number of encounter waves. The upper figure shows the average of upward peak value of the acceleration and the under one shows the average of downward peak value of the acceleration, and the horizontal axis is sampling number of encounter waves. As a result, it is noted that the margin of error is smaller than $\pm 4\%$ when the sampling number of encounter waves is more than 200. Therefore, measurement in irregular waves is carried out with more than 200 encounter waves.

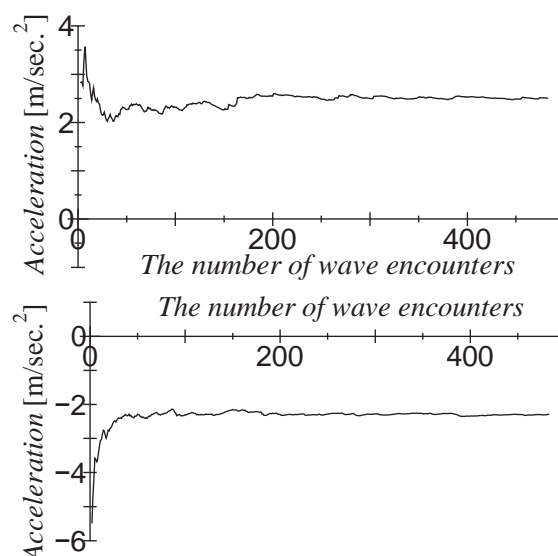


Fig.6 Variation of average of amplitude of measured vertical acceleration for numbers of amplitude data.(upper figure: upward peak value, lower figure: downward peak value)

3.4 Longitudinal distribution of vertical acceleration

The instantaneous acceleration a_X on longitudinal position X on hull is expressed as Eq.(2) with heaving and pitching of an arbitrary position.

$$a_X = \ddot{z} \cos \theta + l_X \ddot{\theta} + (1 - \cos \theta)g \quad (2)$$

Where z is heave displacement (upward: +), θ is pitch angle (bow up: +), l_X is distance (forward:+) from the position of motion measuring and g is the gravitational acceleration (downward: +). Furthermore the heave and pitch accelerations are calculated with numerical differentiation of their data of displacement.

The accelerations measured on two different position on hull (a_A and a_F) are expressed as eq.(3) and eq.(4) by using eq.(2).

$$a_A = \ddot{z} \cos \theta + l_A \ddot{\theta} + (1 - \cos \theta)g \quad (3)$$

$$a_F = \ddot{z} \cos \theta + l_F \ddot{\theta} + (1 - \cos \theta)g \quad (4)$$

By using eq.(3) and eq.(4), heave and pitch terms in eq.(2) can be erased. Then eq.(5) is obtained.

$$a_X = a_F + (l_X - l_F) \frac{a_F - a_A}{l_F - l_A} \quad (5)$$

where $l_X - l_F$ is the distance from F to X , $l_F - l_A$ is the distance from A to F . Eq.(5) indicated that the instantaneous acceleration a_X is calculated by Eq.(5) with the measured instantaneous accelerations a_A and a_F .

Fig.7 shows the comparison between the calculated acceleration on midship by Eq.(5) using accelerations measured on the stem and stern and the acceleration measured on the midship position. From the results, it is confirmed that the calculated result is good agreement with the measured results.

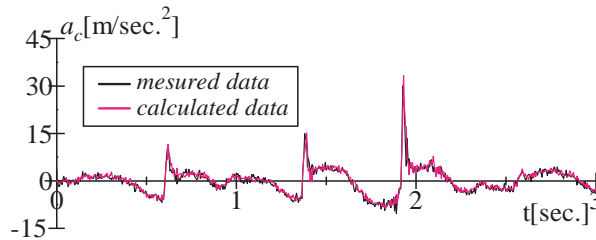


Fig.7 Time histories of measured and calculated results at s.s.5.0 in irregular wave. (sea state 4, $Fn=0.51$, Ship A)

3.5 Making irregular waves

Eq.(6) is ISSC spectrum, and Eq.(7) is the relations between significant wave height $H_{1/3}$ [m] and average wave period T_1 [sec].

$$\frac{S(\omega)}{H_{1/3}^2 T_1} = \frac{0.11}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\omega T_1}{2\pi} \right)^{-5} \exp \left\{ -0.44 \left(\frac{\omega T_1}{2\pi} \right)^4 \right\} \quad (6)$$

$$T_1 = 3.86 \sqrt{H_{1/3}} \quad (7)$$

where ω [rad/sec] is circular frequency of wave, $S(\omega)$ [m² sec] is energy density function of wave. To make irregular waves, the spectrum is divided into 100 equally in 0.2~2.5Hz, and a sine wave of each frequency component is superposed. In addition, the phase difference of each frequency component is given as random numbers for each measurement. Table 2 shows the range of wave height for sea state in real scale, and the wave height in this study. The towing speeds in the measurement are 0, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40kts in real scale.

Table 2 Wave conditions of the experiment.

sea state	wave height for seastate [m]	typical wave height for a sea state	average wave period : T_1 [sec.]
3	0.50~1.25	0.70	3.2
		1.00	3.9
4	1.25~2.50	2.00	5.5
5	2.50~4.00	3.00	6.7

4. CHARACTERISTICS OF ACCELERATION

4.1 Effects of Type of Ship

As an estimation method of vertical acceleration on hull, Osumi's chart (Osumi, 1992) and Savitsky's empirical formula (Savitsky et al., 1976) are known. Fig.8 shows the comparisons between the measured results (Ship A) and Osumi's results. The measured results are larger than Osumi's results. It is supposed that Osumi's results does not include the impact acceleration shown in Fig.5, because the object ship is the high speed patrol boat. Fig.9 shows the comparisons between the measured results and Savitsky's results. The measured results are smaller than Savitsky's results. It is supposed that Savitsky's results include large impact acceleration, because the object ships is typical planing hulls which is hard chine straight deep V monohedron without bow flare.

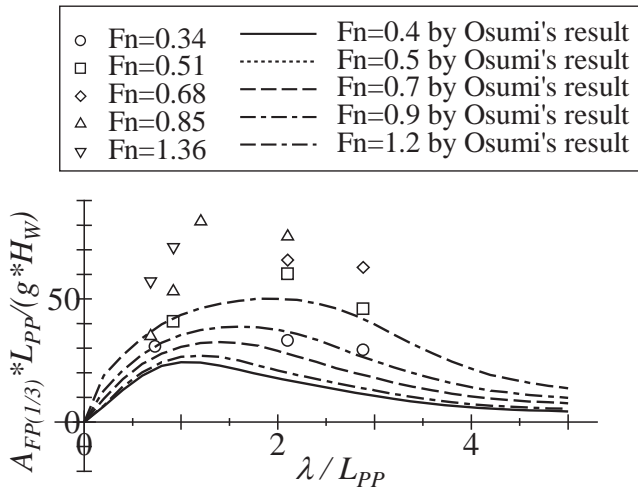


Fig.8 Comparison of non-dimensional significant peak to peak amplitude of acceleration between the measured results and Osumi's results.

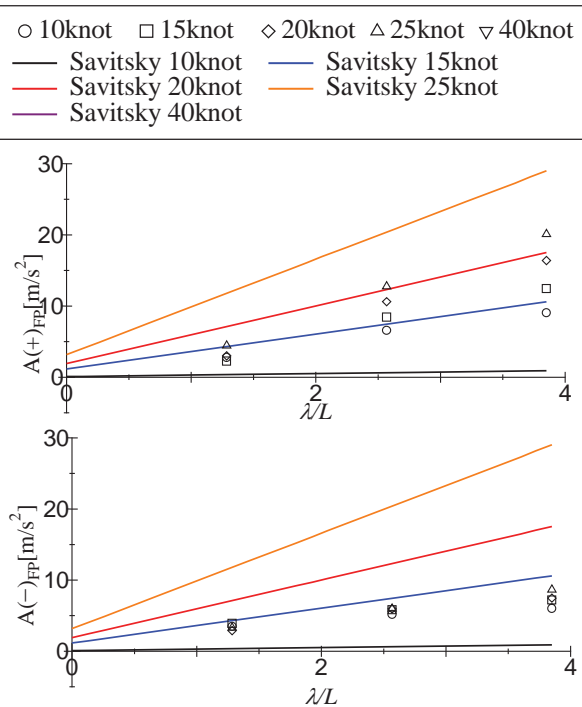


Fig.9 Comparison of average peak value of vertical acceleration between the measured results and Savitsky's results. (upper figure: upward peak value, lower figure: downward peak value)

4.2 Effects of wave length and height

Fig.10 shows non-dimensional average upward or downward peak value of measured

vertical acceleration on hull. In the figure, the horizontal axis is the ratio of wavelength to ship length λ/L_{PP} . The wavelength is calculated from $\lambda = g/(2\pi) \times T_1$. Eq.(8) is proposed to fit to the measured results, and the fitted curves are shown the figure.

$$y = B \times x \times e^{-Cx} \quad (8)$$

To investigate the effect of wave height on the vertical acceleration, the measurement with different wave height, constant forward speed and constant average wave period for Ship A is carried out. Fig.11 shows average upward and downward peak values of vertical acceleration at FP. The horizontal axis is $H_{1/3}/L_{PP}$. From the figure, it is noted that the non-dimension values of upward and downward acceleration are linearly increased with increase of wave height. The same tendency can be seen in the upward acceleration in the regular wave shown in Fig.12 in the condition where the impact acceleration shown in Fig.5 occurs because of increase of wave height or/and forward speed.

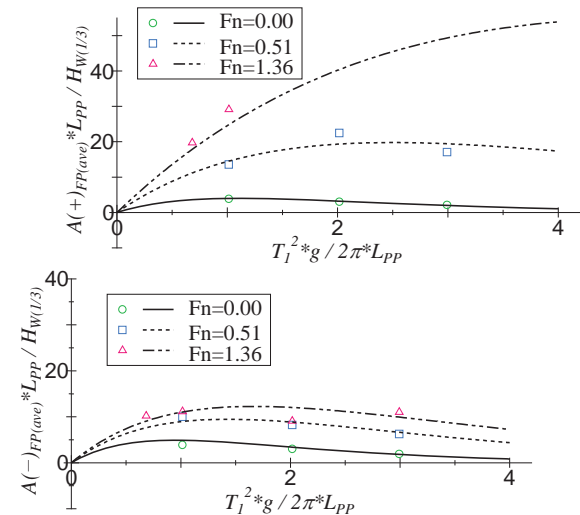


Fig.10 Non-dimensional average peak value of measured vertical acceleration obtained by Eq.(8) for Ship A. (upper figure: upward peak value, lower figure: downward peak value)

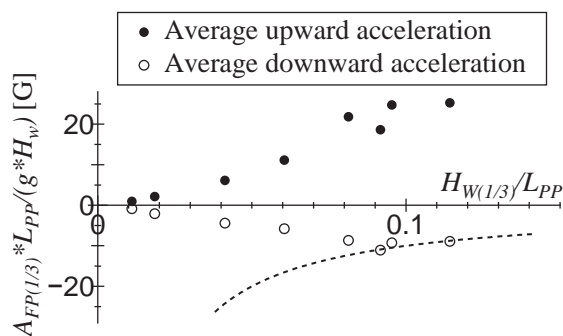


Fig.11 Average upward and downward peak values of vertical acceleration at FP measured for several wave height. (Ship A) In this figure, the black solid line shows the free fall whose acceleration is 1.0 G.

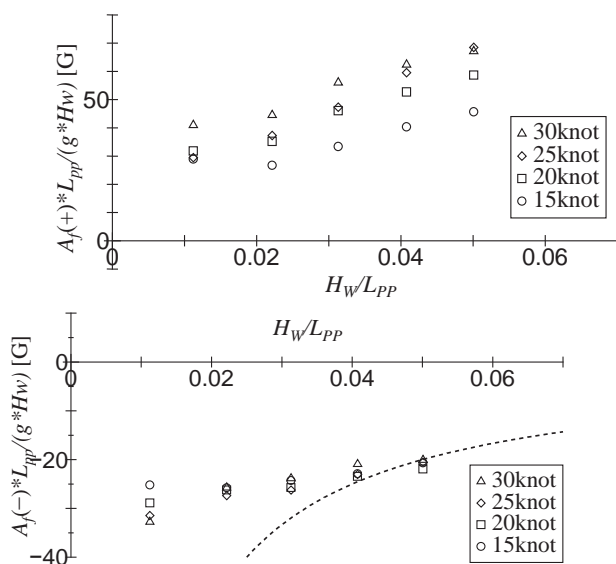


Fig.12 Measured upward and downward peak value of vertical acceleration for wave heights at s.s. 10.39 ($T_W=1.0$ sec) (Ship A). (upper figure: upward peak value, lower figure: downward peak value)

4.3 Longitudinal Distribution

Fig.13 shows longitudinal distribution of peak to peak amplitude and peak values of vertical acceleration which is calculated by Eq.(5) with vertical acceleration measured at FP and at AP. The horizontal axis is the square station number (AP=0 and FP=10). The vertical acceleration increases with increase of forward speed, and it linearly increase with

moving forward of longitudinal position from about s.s.=4.0. From the lower figure, it is found that upward peak value is larger than downward peak value, because upward acceleration occurs when bow of ship goes into the water surface. Fig.14 shows the longitudinal position of minimum vertical acceleration. The position is different according to forward speeds or wave periods and moves backward with increase of forward speed or/and wave period.

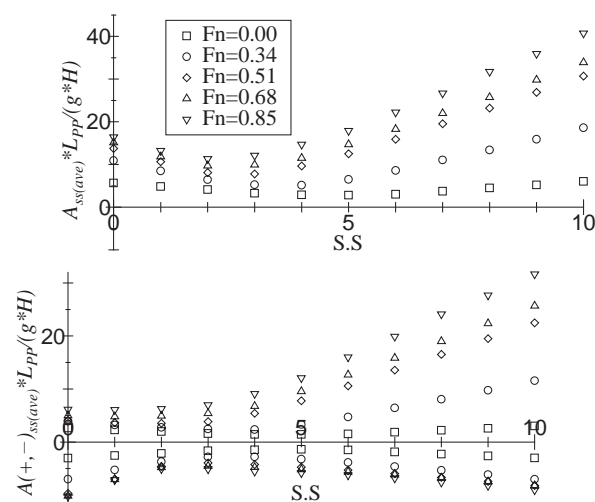


Fig.13 Longitudinal distribution of significant peak to peak value and upward and downward of vertical acceleration on hull. (upper figure: peak to peak value, lower figure, upward and downward of acceleration)

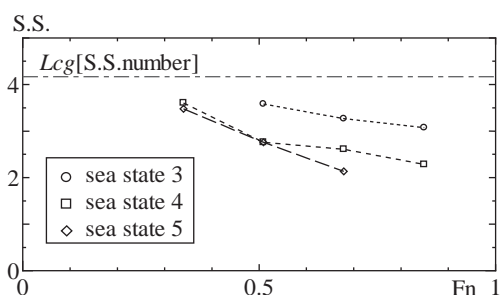


Fig.14 Longitudinal position where amplitude of vertical acceleration is minimum. (Ship A)

Fig.15 shows the non-dimensional value of acceleration shown in Fig.13. Value at arbitrary longitudinal position is divided by the value at FP. To estimate longitudinal

distribution of the acceleration except at $Fn=0$, Eq.(9), (10) and (11) are proposed as empirical formula.

$$\frac{A_{ss(ave)}}{A_{FP(ave)}} = \begin{cases} \frac{s.s.}{10} & (3.0 \leq s.s.) \\ \frac{(6-s.s.)}{10} & (s.s. < 3.0) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{A_{ss(+)(ave)}}{A_{FP(+)(ave)}} = \begin{cases} \frac{(3 \times s.s. - 2)}{28} & (3.0 \leq s.s.) \\ \frac{(10 - s.s.)}{28} & (s.s. < 3.0) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

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$$\frac{A_{ss(-)(ave)}}{A_{FP(-)(ave)}} = \begin{cases} \frac{(2 + s.s.)}{12} & (3.0 \leq s.s.) \\ \frac{(14 - 3 \times s.s.)}{12} & (s.s. < 3.0) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

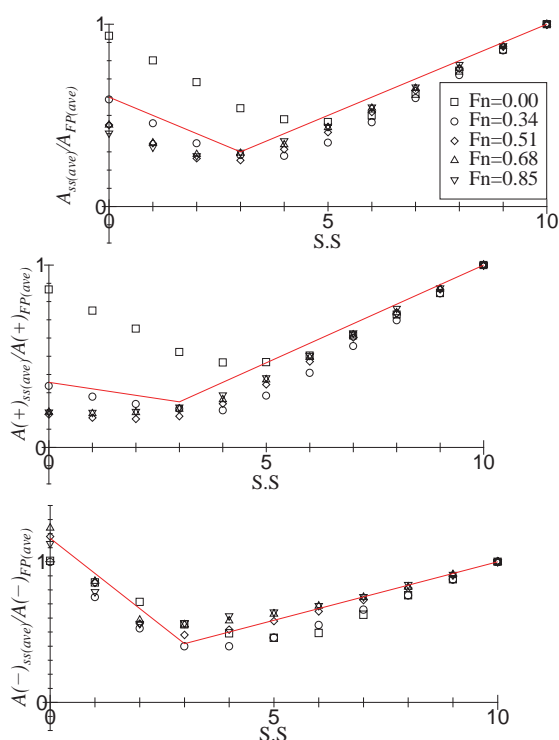


Fig.15 Form of longitudinal distribution of peak to peak value, upward peak value and downward peak value of vertical acceleration on hull in irregular waves. (upper figure: peak to peak value, middle figure: upward peak value, lower figure: downward peak value)

4.4 Effects of Hull Form

Fig.16 shows significant peak to peak value of upward and downward of vertical acceleration on hull with Ship A, B and C. Its horizontal axis is L_{PP} . The extent is different from hull form and vertical acceleration becomes small when deadrise angle becomes large or L_{PP}/B becomes small.

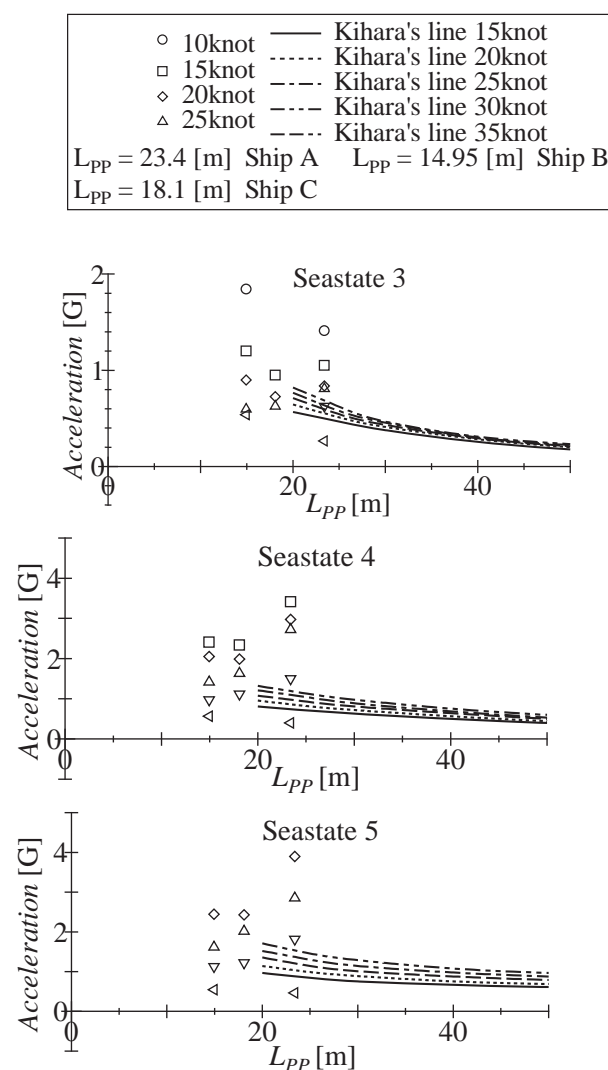


Fig.16 Measured significant amplitude of vertical acceleration on hull at FP vs ship length speed in real scale. (Ship A, B and C) (upper figure: Seastate 3, middle figure: Seastate 4, lower figure: Seastate 5)

4.5 Statistic property

It is well known that the probability density function of amplitudes of acceleration of a displacement type ship in irregular waves can be expressed with Rayleigh distribution of Eq.(12). Rayleigh law describes distribution of the envelope of normal process. In the case of narrow band spectrum, the envelope can be used as a reasonable approximation of the amplitudes. The maximum likelihood estimate of parameter σ is expressed as Eq.(13).

$$p(x) = \frac{x}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2} \quad (13)$$

where X_i is measured datum in time step and n is the number of total datum. The relation among parameter σ , average value, significant value and average 1/10 maximum value of Rayleigh distribution is expressed as Eq.(14).

$$\bar{X} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{1.6} X_{1/3} = \frac{1}{2.04} X_{1/10} \quad (14)$$

Fig.17 shows the comparison of parameter σ , significant value, average 1/10 maximum value obtained from measured results and estimated results by Eq.(14) with the average amplitude of measured data. From upward acceleration in the upper side Fig.17, measured results are larger than estimated results when the average amplitude is larger than 1.0G. On the other hand, downward acceleration in the lower side Fig.17, measured results smaller than estimated results when the average amplitude larger than 0.5G.

Savitsky proposes a probability density function $p(x)$ (Savitsky et al., 1976) as Eq.(15) with exponential distribution.

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{\bar{X}} \exp\left(-\frac{X}{\bar{X}}\right) \quad (15)$$

where \bar{X} is average amplitude of acceleration. The average 1/N maximum amplitude of acceleration is proposed as Eq.(16).

$$X_{1/N} = \bar{X}(1 + \log_e N) \quad (16)$$

Fig.18 shows comparisons of probability distributions of amplitude of acceleration. The results of Eq.(15) is good agreement with measured results. Fig.19 shows the results of Eq.(16) drowned on the left side Fig.17, and the results is good agreement with the measured results when the average amplitude is larger than 1.0G.

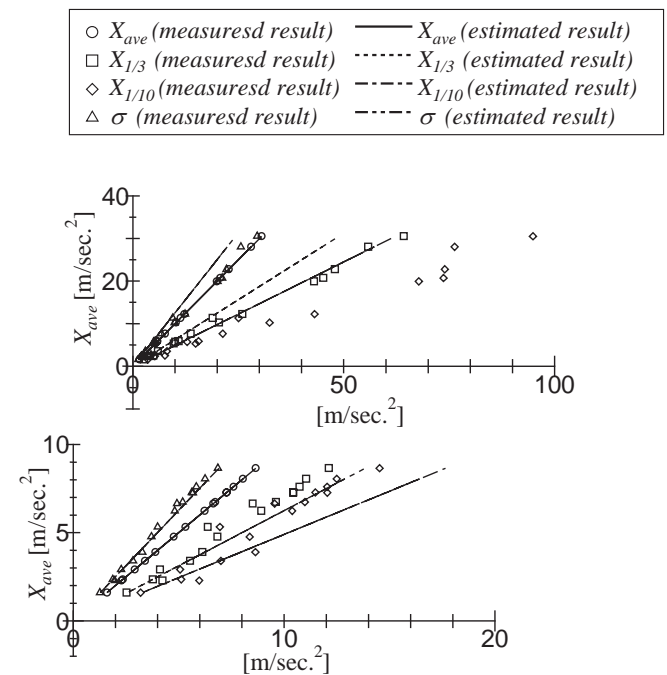


Fig.17 Comparison between measured results and estimated results based on Rayleigh distribution with average value of measured data. (Ship A) (upper figure: upward acceleration, lower figure: downward acceleration)

Fig.20 shows probability distribution of downward peak value of vertical acceleration at FP. The upper figure shows the results when

the average amplitude smaller than 0.5G, and the lower figure shows the results when the average amplitude larger than 0.5G. If average amplitude becomes larger, the mode of amplitude is close to about 1.0G. However when the average is over 0.5G, the mode of amplitude does not becomes much larger than 1.0G and the average amplitude does not becomes larger. Because downward acceleration occurs when ship bow turns rising into falling, bow moves close to free fall when the average is over 0.5G.

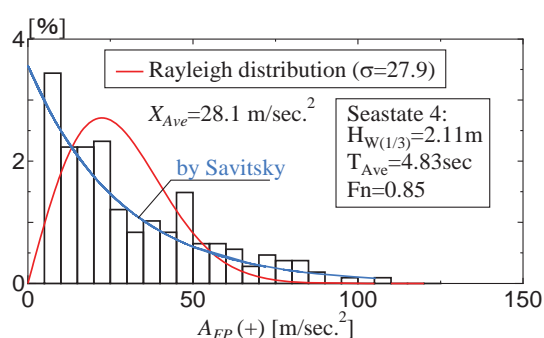


Fig.18 Measured probability distribution of upward peak value of vertical acceleration at FP in irregular wave.

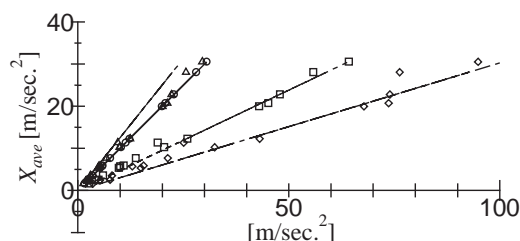


Fig.19 Comparison between measured result and exponential distribution proposed by Savitsky.

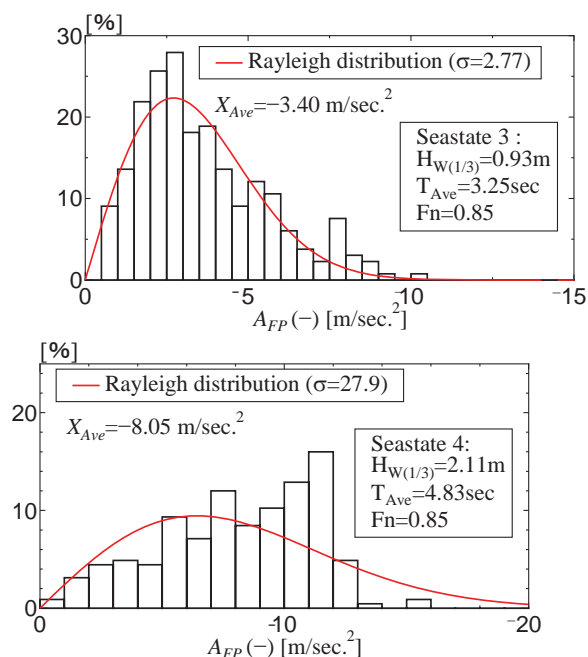


Fig.20 Probability distributions of downward peak value of vertical acceleration at FP in irregular wave. (Ship A)

5. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, the characteristics of vertical acceleration in irregular waves for high speed semi-planing hull is investigated experimentally. The following conclusions are obtained.

1. To measure peak value of impact acceleration accurately, a measurement and analysis procedure is proposed.
2. Based on the measured results, the effects of wave length, wave height and forward speed are indicated and a fitting curve to explain the characteristics of RAO of the acceleration is proposed.
3. Form of longitudinal distribution of the acceleration is discuss, and an empirical equation to express the form expecting at $Fn = 0$ is propose.
4. The vertical acceleration on hull in irregular waves is different with that of



upward and downward acceleration. When impact acceleration doesn't occur, upward acceleration follows Rayleigh distribution and upward acceleration follows that Savitsky's empirical formula. On the other hand, when the average is not over about 0.5G, downward acceleration follows Rayleigh distribution, when over 0.5G, its mode is larger than that of Rayleigh distribution.

Based on the above-mentioned results, the characteristics of the vertical acceleration of a hull can be formulated. It can be possible to estimate vertical on a hull if database of the vertical acceleration for typical hulls are prepared.

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